**Textile Barometers** 

US Textile Indicators:	Latest	<b>Previous</b>	Year
	Month <sup>+</sup>	Month <sup>++</sup>	Ago
<b>Textile mill employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	121.7	122.4	147.5
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	126.0	125.6	145.5
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$524.03	\$525.40	\$544.68
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$439.96	\$437.75	\$452.32
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	37.3	37.5	38.9
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.7	38.3	38.1
<b>Textile mill production</b> (Federal Reserve Board, 2002=100)	52.1	52.1	67.6
Textile product production (FRB, 2002=100)	68.4	67.0	81.5
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	59.8	58.8	66.3
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	129.5	129.1	129.0
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	114.3	.7	122.1
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	120.8	119.7	127.3
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	125.5 134.7	24.7  34.3	25.2  36.6
Finished fabrics (1982=100)			136.6
Home furnishings (1982=100)	128.7	128.9	
Carpet (1982=100)	67.9   2.5	67.5   2.7	62.2   3.8
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	99.4	99.4	102.2
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)			
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,243 \$1,704	\$2,210 \$1,728	\$2,826 \$2,198
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions) <b>Manufacturers' textile mill inventories</b> (DOC, millions)		\$3,130	\$2,170 \$3,710
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions) Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,050 \$2,05	\$2,707	\$3,710 \$3,299
	\$2,695 1.36	\$2,707 1.42	\$3,299  .3
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.58	1.42	1.51
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)		\$17,392	1.50 \$17,713
•		\$45,285	
Imports (DOC, millions, August year-to-date total)	\$52,878	1 . ,	\$61,696 \$11,041
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, August year-to-date total)	\$8,830	\$7,635	\$11,041
US Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	138,864	139,649	145,029
Unemployment rate (BLS)	9.8	9.7	6.2
Industrial production index (FRB, 2002=100)	98.5	97.8	104.9
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	215.8	215.4	219.1
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	174.6	175.1	183.4
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,971.8	\$11,952.7	\$12,292.9
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$10,903.6	\$10,765.4	\$10,966.7
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$35,531	\$35,153	\$36,059
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	59.8	58.9	84.9
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	70.5	69.9	74.5

+ Preliminary ++ Revised

\*Textile mill numbers include yarns, spinning, texturing, throwing and twisting, and all types of fabrics and finishing.

\*\*Textile products numbers include carpet and rugs, curtains, draperies, other home textiles, canvas, tire cord, and fabric and textile bags.