

Textile Barometers

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	Latest Month ⁺	Previous Month ⁺⁺	Year Ago
US Textile Indicators:			
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	123.4	123.9	126.3
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	122.4	122.1	126.0
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$557.02	\$567.51	\$497.86
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$462.91	\$457.85	\$432.44
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	41.7	42.4	36.8
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.1	39.2	38.3
Textile mill production (Federal Reserve Board, 2002=100)	62.2	61.0	54.1
Textile product production (FRB, 2002=100)	68.3	67.7	66.8
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	68.6	67.3	59.0
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	131.9	131.2	129.4
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	114.2	112.9	111.1
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	130.2	126.6	119.0
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	128.6	128.7	126.2
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	137.8	136.8	134.2
Home furnishings (1982=100)	131.4	131.7	128.8
Carpet (1982=100)	172.4	169.0	167.4
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	115.9	115.6	112.3
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	101.4	100.6	98.8
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,345	\$2,352	\$2,086
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$1,901	\$1,909	\$1,840
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$2,986	\$3,000	\$3,428
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$2,867	\$2,834	\$2,890
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.27	1.28	1.64
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.51	1.48	1.59
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$18,120	\$18,350	\$17,407
Imports (DOC, millions, April year-to-date total)	\$26,375	\$19,854	\$24,862
Exports (DOC, millions, April year-to-date total)	\$5,058	\$3,754	\$4,281
US Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	139,420	139,455	140,438
Unemployment rate (BLS)	9.7	9.9	9.4
Industrial production index (FRB, 2002=100)	103.5	102.3	96.2
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	218.0	217.6	213.2
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	185.0	184.4	174.1
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$12,178.9	\$12,069.4	\$11,952.7
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,095.9	\$11,003.3	\$10,765.4
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$35,895	\$35,665	\$35,124
Housing starts (DOC, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	593	659	550
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	74.7	73.7	68.5

+ 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.