Textile Barometers

	Latest	Previous	Year
US Textile Indicators:	Month ⁺	Month ⁺⁺	Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	123.1	123.2	122.5
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	118.6	120.0	122.8
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$547.12	\$541.49	\$555.70
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$459.39	\$459.03	\$436.54
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.9	40.3	40.1
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.9	39.3	37.6
Textile mill production (Federal Reserve Board, 2007=100)	77.7	79.3	77.3
Textile product production (FRB, 2007=100)	77.9	79.8	77.1
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	67.9	69.2	66.5
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	132.1	32,	129.5
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	108.6	108.6	110.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	130.3	129.6	121.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	131.0	130.6	125.8
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	138.6	139.0	134.6
Home furnishings (1982=100)	133.0	132.9	129.3
Carpet (1982=100)	169.5	169.8	170.2
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	116.6	116.3	115.6
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	104.4	103.9	100.4
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,337	\$2,365	\$2,158
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$1,822	\$1,829	\$1,796
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,159	\$3,174	\$3,080
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,011	\$3,008	\$2,777
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.35	1.34	1.43
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.65	1.64	1.55
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$18,823	\$18,324	\$17,507
Imports (DOC, millions, October year-to-date total)	\$78,548	\$69,330	\$68,341
Exports (DOC, millions, October year-to-date total)	\$13,490	\$12,032	\$11,309
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Employment (BLS, thousands)	138,888	139,061	138,381
Unemployment rate (BLS)	9.8	9.6	10.0
Industrial production index (FRB, 2007=100)	93.9	93.5	89.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	218.7	218.4	216.2
Producer price index , all commodities (BLS, 1982=100)	188.0	186.8	172.5
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$12,600.4	\$12,517.1	\$12,164.0
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,421.8	\$11,368.0	\$11,047.0
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$36,792	\$36,704	\$35,888
Housing starts (DOC, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	555	534	529
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	75.2	74.9	71.1

+ 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.