**Textile Barometers** 

	Latest	Previous	Year
US Textile Indicators:	<b>Month</b> <sup>+</sup>	Month <sup>++</sup>	Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	9.	119.2	121.2
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	114.0	4.	118.3
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$596.64	\$575.60	\$582.36
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$522.65	\$504.42	\$471.31
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	43.6	42.3	42.0
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.5	39.7	38.6
<b>Textile mill production</b> (Federal Reserve Board, 2007=100)	81.6	80.1	78.9
Textile product production (FRB, 2007=100)	72.3	71.1	72.2
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	70.2	68.8	67.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	142.7	142.5	142.3
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	124.7	123.6	120.0
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	142.3	143.0	163.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	142.9	142.8	149.0
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	151.2	151.3	149.0
Home furnishings (1982=100)	142.4	42.	140.0
Carpet (1982=100)	0.181	181.2	174.9
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	134.0	134.2	129.7
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	7.	7.	116.4
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,495	\$2,476	\$2,557
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$1,981	\$1,956	\$1,862
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,430	\$3,455	\$3,453
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,191	\$3,194	\$3,187
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.37	1.40	1.35
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.61	1.63	1.71
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$19,695	\$19,663	\$19,035
Imports (DOC, millions, May year-to-date total)	\$38,712	\$30,867	\$38,050
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, May year-to-date total)	\$9,407	\$7,481	\$9,188
US Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	42,4 5	142,287	139,385
Unemployment rate (BLS)	8.2	8.2	9.1
Industrial production index (FRB, 2007=100)	97.3	97.4	92.9
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	229.8	230.1	226.0
Producer price index , all commodities (BLS, 1982=100)	200.4	202.3	203.9
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$13,227.8	\$13,105.7	\$12,846.9
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,780.4	\$11,686.3	\$11,481.0
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$37,584	\$37,345	\$36,895
Housing starts (DOC, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	760	711	61.5
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	79.0	79.2	76.3

+ 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.