

Textile Barometers

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US Textile Indicators:

	Latest Month⁺	Previous Month⁺⁺	Year Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	119.9	120.2	121.4
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	113.7	113.7	118.3
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$593.57	\$579.74	\$588.69
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$498.00	\$504.60	\$478.02
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	43.0	43.1	42.1
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.2	40.2	39.1
Textile mill production (Federal Reserve Board, 2007=100)	81.7	81.3	78.2
Textile product production (FRB, 2007=100)	72.0	71.7	73.2
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	69.8	69.4	65.9
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	142.6	142.3	139.7
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	124.8	123.7	114.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	144.1	144.8	165.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	142.5	145.2	146.2
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	150.6	150.4	145.5
Home furnishings (1982=100)	141.9	141.9	135.9
Carpet (1982=100)	179.7	180.1	174.0
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	134.1	133.9	124.4
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	116.5	115.5	115.6
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,558	\$2,523	\$2,629
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$1,908	\$1,895	\$1,880
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,609	\$3,601	\$3,390
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,040	\$3,038	\$2,931
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.41	1.43	1.29
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.59	1.60	1.56
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$19,736	\$19,879	\$18,728
Imports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$23,310	\$16,100	\$22,445
Exports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$5,634	\$3,612	\$5,375

US Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	141,065	142,034	139,628
Unemployment rate (BLS)	8.1	8.2	9.0
Industrial production index (FRB, 2007=100)	97.4	96.4	92.6
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	229.4	227.7	223.5
Producer price index, all commodities (BLS, 1982=100)	203.9	204.3	202.8
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$13,281.7	\$13,162.1	\$12,846.9
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,812.9	\$11,731.9	\$11,481.0
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$37,687	\$37,491	\$36,895
Housing starts (DOC, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	717	699	549
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	79.2	78.4	76.1

+ 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.