

<b>U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:</b>	<b>Latest Month</b>	<b>Previous Month</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	456.7	463.0	519.9
<b>Production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)#	383.6	388.1	434.7
<b>Average hourly earnings</b> (BLS)#	\$11.36	\$11.39	\$11.23
<b>Weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)#	39.6	40.3	40.7
<b>Unemployment rate, textile mill workers</b> (BLS)#	9.4	7.4	3.2
<b>Textile production index</b> (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	84.8	85.7	96.7
<b>Knit goods production index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)*	80.9	81.6	95.9
<b>Man-made fibers output index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)*	79.8	81.7	99.0
<b>Textile capacity utilization</b> (FRB)	71.4	71.9	78.6
<b>Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	123.0	122.2	126.7
<b>Producer price index, textiles &amp; apparel</b> (BLS, 1982=100)#	120.8	121.1	121.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	107.7	107.8	108.5
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	103.4	104.2	107.7
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	113.7	114.7	113.2
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	122.5	122.5	122.8
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	122.5	122.4	121.3
Carpet (1982=100)#	124.0	124.0	127.0
<b>Apparel retail sales</b> (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$14.289	\$13.361	\$14.288
<b>Textile manufacturers' sales</b> (DOC, billions)*	\$6598	\$6.655	\$7.088
<b>Inventories</b> (DOC, billions)*	\$10.899	\$10.978	\$11.753
<b>Inventory-sales ratio</b> *	1.652	1.650	1.658
<b>Imports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$60,432	\$53,632	\$60,120
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$12,889	\$11,589	\$14,200
<b>U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:</b>			
<b>Employment</b> (BLS, millions)	134.562	135.181	135.464
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (BLS)	5.4%	4.9%	3.9%
<b>Disposable personal income</b> (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,570.8	\$7,156.9
<b>Real disposable personal income per capita</b> (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$24,924	\$25,083	\$23,839
<b>Consumption outlays, clothing</b> (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$260.190	\$276.442
<b>Industrial production index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)	139.3	140.8	148.7
<b>Housing starts</b> (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.552	1.572	1.527
<b>Consumer price index</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	177.6	178.2	173.9
<b>Foreign exchange value of dollar</b> (FRB, March 1973=100)	104.27	103.32	102.35

# Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality.

\* September, otherwise latest month is October.