## **Textile Barometers**

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U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month*	Previous Month**	Year Ago
<b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	447	453	514
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	376	382	430
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$458.00	\$450.99	\$460.94
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.7	39.7	40.5
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1992=100)	84.7	84.4	96.7
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	73.4	72.9	77.4
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	120.7	120.8	121.9
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	107.2	107.7	109.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	102.5	103.4	107.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	112.3	113.7	4.4
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	122.6	122.5	121.7
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.3	122.8	121.6
Carpet (1982=100)	129.1	128.2	130.5
Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,588	\$3,770	\$4,256
Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$2,865	\$2,833	\$2,645
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$6,195	\$6,270	\$6,945
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,440	\$4,484	\$4,922
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.73	1.66	1.63
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.55	1.58	1.52
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,228	\$13,873	\$14,287
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1941-3=10)	251.8	256.0	210.1
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)	\$73,401	\$67,796	\$73,917
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)	\$15,572	\$14,298	\$17,409
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	134,084	134,562	135,478
Industrial production index (FRB, 1987=100)	137.1	137.6	145.7
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	177.4	177.7	174.1
Producer Price Index (BLS, 1982=100)	130.1	130.2	134.6
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,771.8	\$8,714.6	\$8,381.5
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$7,576.4	\$7,363.2	\$7,081.3
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$26,457	\$25,798	\$25,029
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,645	1,521	1,559
<b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)	74.7	75.0	80.7

\* 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.