Textile Barometers

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U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	435	437	489
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	361	363	409
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$491.73	\$485.81	\$444.09
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	42.1	41.7	40.3
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1992=100)	87.3	87.3	90.4
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	76.9	76.6	74.9
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	119.6	119.8	121.8
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.1	106.1	.2
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	102.7	102.1	107.3
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	2.8	111.1	115.5
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	2 .	121.3	23.
Home furnishings (1982=100)	121.9	122.0	122.6
Carpet (1982=100)	130.0	129.6	131.4
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,824	\$3,606	\$3,906
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3.057	\$2,947	\$2,713
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,573	\$5,671	\$6,714
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Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.46	1.57	1.72
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.41	1.46	1.76
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,339	\$14,747	\$14,023
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	157.4	152.0	136.9
Imports (DOC, millions, April year-to-date total)	\$23,09 I	\$17,452	\$25,032
Exports (DOC, millions, April year-to-date total)	\$5,078	\$3,720	\$5,918
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	34,4 7	133,976	135,235
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.8	6.0	4.4
Industrial production index (FRB, 1987=100)	139.2	138.6	142.0
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	179.8	178.8	177.0
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	131.0	129.9	136.3
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,876.3	\$8,767.2	\$8,640.2
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$7,692.2	\$7,434.5	\$7,295.0
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$26,704	\$25,880	\$25,634
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	I,553	1,644	1,636
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	75.5	75.3	77.8

+ 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.