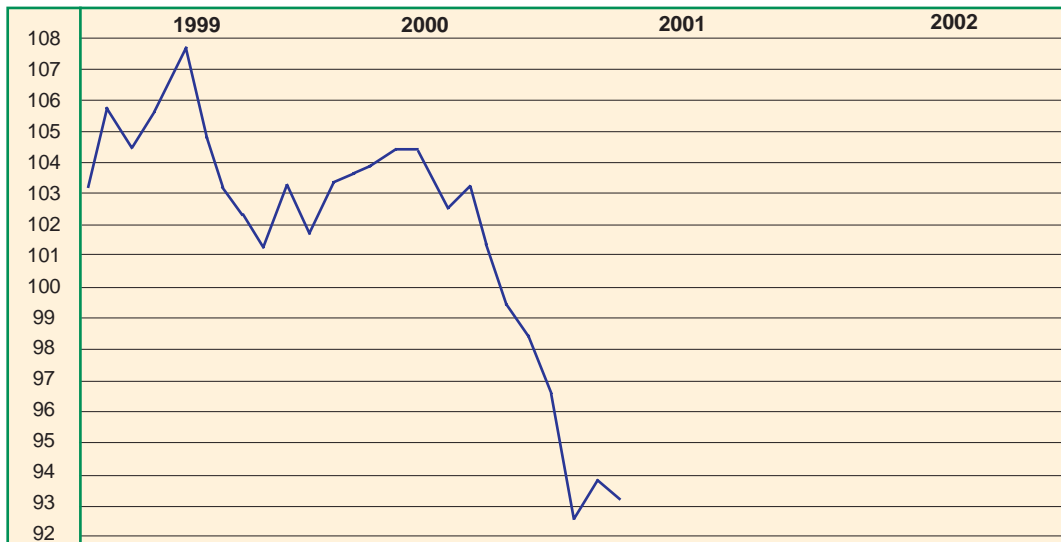


# Index Of Textile Production (1992 = 100)



U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest month	Previous month	Year ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	520.6	526.0	546.0
Production workers (BLS, thousands)#	438.7	443.5	461.0
Average hourly earnings (BLS)#	\$11.10	\$11.05	\$10.84
Weekly hours worked (BLS)#	40.4	41.0	40.9
Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)#	4.7	4.8	5.9
Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	93.1	93.9	103.6
Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)*	95.9	95.9	99.6
Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)*	91.2	101.0	101.7
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	76.1	76.6	83.2
Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100)	126.9	N/A	125.4
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.6	121.8	120.8
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	109.2	110.5	103.3
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	108.5	107.8	108.0
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	115.3	115.0	112.9
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	121.8	122.8	122.0
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	121.5	121.3	121.7
Carpet (1982=100)#	127.6	128.9	122.2
Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$12.226	\$12.122	\$11.450
Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)*	\$6.176	\$6.163	\$6.615
Inventories (DOC, billions)*	\$10.464	\$10.506	\$10.163
Inventory-sales ratio*	1.694	1.705	1.536
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$79,471	\$60,120	\$69,990
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$18,713	\$14,131	\$17,207
U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:			
Employment (BLS, millions)	135.999	135.836	133.976
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,108.7	\$6,830.6
Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$23,715	\$23,678	\$23,387
Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$287.495	\$275.277
Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100)	147.0	147.4	143.6
Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.651	1.568	1.744
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	N/A	174.6	169.4
Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100)	100.31	101.34	93.14