## **Textile Barometers**

U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
<b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	443	446	510
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	372	375	426
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$470.61	\$454.17	\$462.07
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.0	39.4	40.5
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1992=100)	82.2	83.4	94.5
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	71.5	71.4	77.4
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	120.4	120.7	121.4
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.7	107.2	109.4
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	102.5	102.5	107.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	112.6	112.3	114.5
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	121.4	122.6	121.5
Home furnishings (1982=100)	122.7	123.3	121.2
Carpet (1982=100)	128.7	128.1	32.
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,526	\$3,532	\$4,274
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)	\$2,865	\$2,849	\$2,663
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$6,104	\$6,170	\$6,889
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,431	\$4,443	\$4,912
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.73	1.75	1.60
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.55	1.56	1.40
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,724	\$14,370	\$ 4,4 7
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	135.5	132.6	120.0
Imports (DOC, millions, December year-to-date total)	\$78,575	\$73,401	\$79,467
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, December year-to-date total)	\$16,611	\$15,572	\$18,725
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	134,055	134,253	135,888
Unemployment Rate (BLS)	5.8	5.6	4.0
Industrial production index (FRB, 1987=100)	136.7	136.9	145.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	176.7	177.4	173.9
Producer Price Index (BLS, 1982=100)	128.0	130.1	135.3
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,772.0	\$8,771.8	\$8,519.6
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$7,438.8	\$7,576.4	\$7,189.8
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$25,895	\$26,457	\$25,33I
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,570	I,625	I,532
<b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)	74.4	74.5	80.2

+ 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.