

U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	509.5	511.3	547.2
Production workers (BLS, thousands)#	427.3	429.3	462.9
Average hourly earnings (BLS)#	\$11.01	\$11.03	\$10.86
Weekly hours worked (BLS)#	40.2	39.8	41.5
Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)#	6.1	8.5	6.0
Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	91.6	92.9	104.4
Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)*	90.9	92.8	101.7
Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)*	94.7	94.0	106.1
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	75.2	76.0	84.0
Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100)	126.6	126.2	127.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.7	121.9	121.2
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	111.3	111.4	105.0
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	107.4	108.0	107.7
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	115.3	115.7	112.9
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	121.9	121.7	122.7
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	122.4	122.2	122.1
Carpet (1982=100)#	125.4	129.9	124.4
Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$12.304	\$12.391	\$11.827
Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)*	\$6.131	\$6.085	\$6.598
Inventories (DOC, billions)*	\$10.364	\$10.436	\$10.163
Inventory-sales ratio*	1.690	1.715	1.540
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$12,859	\$6,930	\$11,695
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$2,855	\$1,374	\$2,740

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:			
Employment (BLS, millions)	135.780	135.815	135.013
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,166.6	\$6,910.4
Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$23,730	\$23,714	\$23,442
Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$291.025	\$281.0041
Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100)	146.5	145.9	145.2
Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.613	1.634	1.630
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	176.3	176.2	171.2
Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100)	103.98	101.44	95.64

Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality. * February, otherwise latest month is March.