Textile Barometers

U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	439	440	496
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	365	363	415
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$469.85	\$462.11	\$449.67
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.9	39.7	40.4
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1992=100)	82.6	82.6	92.7
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	72.3	72.0	77.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	120.9	120.1	121.9
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.0	106.2	111.3
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	102.2	102.5	108.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	0.	112.4	115.0
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	120.4	120.7	121.7
Home furnishings (1982=100)	122.0	122.1	122.2
Carpet (1982=100)	128.4	130.9	132.2
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,574	\$3,538	\$4,122
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$2,868	\$2,769	\$2,744
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,755	\$5,805	\$6,843
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Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.61	1.64	1.66
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.52	1.58	1.77
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,737	\$14,776	\$14,175
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	147.9	4 .4	123.8
Imports (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$11,844	\$6,223	\$12,859
Exports (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$2,360	\$1,140	\$2,855
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	34,3 9	133,468	135,734
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.5	5.6	4.2
Industrial production index (FRB, 1987=100)	137.6	37.	143.5
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	177.8	177.1	175.9
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	130.3	128.5	136.5
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,767.2	\$8,771.8	\$8,519.6
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$7,434.5	\$7,576.4	\$7,189.8
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$25,880	\$26,457	\$25,33 I
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,769	1,721	1,623
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	74.8	74.5	78.9

+ 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.