Textile Barometers

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U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	425	427	465
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	35	353	388
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$489.98	\$494.68	\$460.16
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	41.3	41.8	40. I
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1992=100)	87.6	88.3	85.8
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	77.9	78.2	73.3
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	119.7	119.7	121.2
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.0	105.4	106.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	102.4	104.0	104.4
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	112.3	112.8	113.8
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	121.0	120.9	122.7
Home furnishings (1982=100)	121.8	122.1	122.5
Carpet (1982=100)	130.9	131.0	129.6
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,577	\$3,760	\$3,738
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,054	\$3,064	\$2,852
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,040	\$5,044	\$5,943
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,537	\$4,523	\$4,546
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.41	1.34	1.59
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.49	1.48	1.59
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$ 4,34	\$14,476	\$ 3,37
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	138.6	143.5	119.3
Imports (DOC, millions, August year-to-date total)	\$52,100	\$43,811	\$53,633
Exports (DOC, millions, August year-to-date total)	\$10,618	\$9,188	\$11,564
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	135,185	134,474	134,004
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.6	5.7	5.0
Industrial production index (FRB, 1987=100)	140.5	140.9	139.9
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	180.7	180.1	177.5
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	131.5	131.2	133.5
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,913.7	\$8,803.4	\$8,676.2
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$7,786.6	\$7,666.7	\$7,340.0
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$26,953	\$26,616	\$25,717
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,609	1,645	1,562
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	76.0	76.2	76.4

+ 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.