

U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year Ago
<b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	468.7	469.8	530.5
<b>Production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)#	394.2	394.6	444.6
<b>Average hourly earnings</b> (BLS)#	\$11.39	\$11.38	\$11.21
<b>Weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)#	40.4	39.3	40.9
<b>Unemployment rate, textile mill workers</b> (BLS)#	8.3	9.1	3.2
<b>Textile production index</b> (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	85.7	85.0	99.4
<b>Knit goods production index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)*	83.4	83.2	100.0
<b>Man-made fibers output index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)*	80.2	85.6	97.0
<b>Textile capacity utilization</b> (FRB)	71.6	70.8	80.6
<b>Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	121.3	122.3	124.8
<b>Producer price index, textiles &amp; apparel</b> (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.2	121.2	121.7
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	107.1	108.2	108.0
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	104.6	105.0	108.0
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	115.5	113.3	113.4
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	122.3	123.4	122.8
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	122.6	122.4	122.6
Carpet (1982=100)#	124.4	126.0	125.8
<b>Apparel retail sales</b> (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$14.241	\$14.356	\$14.102
<b>Textile manufacturers' sales</b> (DOC, billions)*	\$6.652	\$6.685	\$7.265
<b>Inventories</b> (DOC, billions)*	\$11.066	\$11.212	\$11.691
<b>Inventory-sales ratio</b> *	1.664	1.677	1.609
<b>Imports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$45,727	\$31,150	\$44,378
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$10,152	\$7,441	\$10,886

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

<b>Employment</b> (BLS, millions)	134.393	135.379	134.939
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (BLS)	4.9%	4.5%	4.1%
<b>Disposable personal income</b> (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,514.4	\$7,076.7
<b>Real disposable personal income per capita</b> (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$24,621	\$24,205	\$23,774
<b>Consumption outlays, clothing</b> (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$275.986	\$274.585
<b>Industrial production index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)	141.5	142.6	148.7
<b>Housing starts</b> (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.527	1.641	1.531
<b>Consumer price index</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	177.5	177.4	172.8
<b>Foreign exchange value of dollar</b> (FRB, March 1973=100)	103.77	106.07	99.16

# Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality.      \* July, otherwise latest month is August.