

U.S. Textile Indicators:

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	421	422	444
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	350	351	373
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$487.15	\$492.54	\$465.23
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.9	41.2	40.2
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	82.4	82.3	82.5
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	74.3	74.1	72.0
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	119.7	120.1	120.4
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.3	106.8	106.7
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	102.6	102.5	102.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	111.9	112.6	112.6
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	121.0	121.6	121.4
Home furnishings (1982=100)	121.9	121.9	122.9
Carpet (1982=100)	129.5	132.4	128.9
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,513	\$3,592	\$3,471
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,201	\$3,183	\$2,934
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,879	\$4,859	\$5,570
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Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.39	1.35	1.60
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Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,839	\$14,790	\$14,550
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	137.2	140.5	135.5
Imports (DOC, millions, December year-to-date total)	\$79,909	\$73,584	\$78,472
Exports (DOC, millions, December year-to-date total)	\$15,755	\$14,721	\$16,584

U.S. Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	137,536	136,439	135,791
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.7	6.0	5.6
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	110.6	110.8	108.3
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	180.9	181.3	176.7
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	133.0	133.2	128.0
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,081.6	\$8,993.3	\$8,700.9
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$7,975.0	\$7,886.0	\$7,391.2
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$27,645	\$27,404	\$25,853
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,835	1,747	1,583
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	75.4	75.6	74.6

+ 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.