

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
US Textile Indicators:			
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	230.4	231.2	241.0
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	180.2	180.0	174.3
Textile mill production workers (BLS, thousands)	185.9	186.7	199.4
Mill product production workers (BLS, thousands)	145.1	144.9	139.0
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$496.13	\$486.01	\$490.84
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$455.52	\$446.16	\$464.46
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.1	40.0	39.7
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.4	38.8	39.8
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	74.9	75.3	77.9
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	72.7	72.9	72.1
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	121.6	121.5	119.7
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	107.5	107.5	105.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	109.7	110.0	104.5
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	112.8	113.8	111.7
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	122.9	121.1	120.8
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.4	123.4	122.4
Carpet (1982=100)	143.3	139.4	138.2
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,412	\$3,394	\$3,343
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,170	\$3,162	\$3,137
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,767	\$4,777	\$5,007
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,214	\$5,258	\$5,067
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.40	1.41	1.52
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.65	1.66	1.62
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$16,522	\$15,991	\$15,385
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	181.8	167.2	151.0
Imports (DOC, millions, November year-to-date total)	\$76,558	\$69,822	\$71,586
Exports (DOC, millions, November year-to-date total)	\$15,001	\$13,723	\$14,583

US Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	140,156	140,293	138,409
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.4	5.5	5.7
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	117.6	117.3	112.9
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	190.8	190.9	184.5
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	151.3	149.8	138.9
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,674.3	\$9,592.7	\$9,209.3
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,630.7	\$8,562.1	\$8,267.6
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$29,330	\$29,172	\$28,368
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,771	2,039	2,054
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	77.6	77.5	75.7

+ 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.