

US Textile Indicators:

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	232.9	233.8	247.0
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	180.6	180.0	172.6
Textile mill production workers (BLS, thousands)	189.9	190.8	203.8
Mill product production workers (BLS, thousands)	143.6	143.0	137.4
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$484.37	\$487.15	\$469.98
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$448.50	\$445.06	\$458.21
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.0	40.2	39.1
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.9	38.9	40.4
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	73.6	74.3	72.5
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	71.0	71.5	71.6
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	121.2	120.8	119.5
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	107.1	106.6	106.5
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	109.5	109.3	103.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	113.5	114.8	111.4
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	120.8	121.0	121.0
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.1	123.1	122.2
Carpet (1982=100)	138.3	139.1	134.1
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,478	\$3,487	\$3,509
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,124	\$3,157	\$2,886
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,844	\$4,828	\$5,004
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,219	\$5,199	\$4,937
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.39	1.38	1.56
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.67	1.65	1.72
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$16,157	\$15,686	\$15,140
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	168.3	166.6	142.1
Imports (DOC, millions, September year-to-date total)	\$62,128	\$54,100	\$59,069
Exports (DOC, millions, September year-to-date total)	\$12,233	\$10,843	\$11,869

US Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	139,778	139,480	138,095
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.5	5.4	6.0
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	116.7	116.6	111.6
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	189.9	189.5	185.3
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	147.7	147.9	138.5
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,654.8	\$9,583.4	\$9,209.3
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,607.4	\$8,554.4	\$8,267.6
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$29,251	\$29,146	\$28,368
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,898	2,020	1,922
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	77.2	77.2	74.9

+ 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.