

US Textile Indicators:

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
*Textile mills employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	227.0	228.7	239.7
**Textile product mills employment (BLS, thousands)	177.9	177.7	179.1
*Manufacturers' textile mills sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,348	\$3,498	\$3,392
**Manufacturers' textile product mills sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,245	\$3,275	\$3,165
Textile mills production workers (BLS, thousands)	182.3	184.0	197.4
Textile product mills production workers (BLS, thousands)	142.1	141.9	144.0
Textile mills weekly earnings (BLS)	\$491.20	\$496.94	\$483.91
Textile product mills weekly earnings (BLS)	\$453.89	\$457.78	\$433.92
Textile mills weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.1	40.1	39.7
Textile product mills weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.5	39.6	38.4
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	74.5	74.6	73.9
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	74.8	74.7	73.7
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	122.6	122.2	119.7
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	110.9	109.0	105.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	111.2	110.0	107.5
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	114.0	114.2	111.5
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	123.5	123.1	119.9
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.3	123.3	123.4
Carpet (1982=100)	143.7	142.6	130.3
Manufacturers' textile mills inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,587	\$4,663	\$4,916
Manufacturers' textile product mills inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,433	\$5,433	\$5,092
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.37	1.33	1.45
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile product mills	1.67	1.66	1.61
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$16,722	\$16,265	\$15,500
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	195.0	193.5	159.6
Imports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$21,053	\$14,010	\$18,939
Exports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$4,047	\$2,569	\$3,902

US Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	141,099	140,501	138,645
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.1	5.3	5.7
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	118.5	118.2	114.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	193.3	191.8	187.5
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	153.6	151.6	142.7
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$10,012.5	\$9,953.8	\$9,445.0
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,925.4	\$8,884.2	\$8,438.4
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$30,182	\$30,108	\$28,813
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,837	2,229	2,000
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	79.4	79.3	77.4

+ Preliminary    ++ Revised

\*Textile mills numbers include yarns, spinning, texturing, throwing and twisting, and all types of fabrics and finishing.

\*\*Textile product mills numbers include carpet and rugs, curtains, draperies, other home textiles, canvas, tire cord, and fabric and textile bags.