

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
<b>US Textile Indicators:</b>			
<b>Textile mill employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	234.1	234.8	250.2
<b>Mill product employment</b> (BLS, thousands)	178.9	178.8	173.7
<b>Textile mill production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)	192.3	193.0	206.8
<b>Mill product production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)	143.3	143.2	137.8
<b>Textile mill weekly earnings</b> (BLS)	\$484.34	\$489.65	\$475.56
<b>Mill product weekly earnings</b> (BLS)	\$444.67	\$443.50	\$467.98
<b>Textile mill weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)	40.2	40.5	39.0
<b>Mill product weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)	38.8	38.7	40.7
<b>Textile production index</b> (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	74.7	75.6	75.9
<b>Textile capacity utilization</b> (FRB)	71.9	72.5	70.4
<b>Producer price index, textiles &amp; apparel</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	120.8	120.9	119.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.6	106.8	106.5
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	109.3	109.5	103.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	114.8	114.9	111.3
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	121.0	120.9	121.1
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.1	123.3	122.4
Carpet (1982=100)	139.1	137.4	134.8
<b>*Manufacturers' textile mill sales</b> (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,490	\$3,504	\$3,202
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)	\$3,160	\$3,149	\$2,913
<b>Manufacturers' textile mill inventories</b> (DOC, millions)	\$4,811	\$4,826	\$5,028
<b>Manufacturers' textile product inventories</b> (DOC, millions)	\$5,195	\$5,189	\$5,011
<b>Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills</b>	1.38	1.38	1.57
<b>Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products</b>	1.64	1.65	1.72
<b>Clothing &amp; accessories retail sales</b> (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$15,682	\$15,559	\$15,081
<b>Stock price index</b> (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	166.6	165.5	138.2
<b>Imports</b> (DOC, millions, August year-to-date total)	\$54,100	\$46,031	\$51,843
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, August year-to-date total)	\$10,843	\$9,429	\$10,580

## US Economic Indicators:

<b>Employment</b> (BLS, thousands)	139,480	139,681	137,644
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (BLS)	5.4	5.4	6.1
<b>Industrial production index</b> (FRB, 1997=100)	116.6	116.5	110.8
<b>Consumer price index</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	189.5	189.4	184.5
<b>Producer price index</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	147.9	147.6	138.0
<b>Personal income</b> (DOC, billions)	\$9,585.3	\$9,445.0	\$9,105.7
<b>Disposable personal income</b> (DOC, billions)	\$8,555.9	\$8,438.4	\$8,075.0
<b>Disposable personal income per capita</b> (DOC)	\$29,150	\$28,816	\$27,779
<b>Housing starts</b> (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	2,000	1,988	1,835
<b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)	77.3	77.3	74.5

+ 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.