Textile Barometers

U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest	Previous	Year
	Month+	Month++	Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	462	468	491
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	381	386	405
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$445.46	\$451.26	\$458.53
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.7	38.8	40.2
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	78.0	79.1	82.9
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	70.7	71.7	74.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	119.3	119.2	119.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.6	106.3	105.4
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	103.4	103.0	102.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	109.9	108.1	3.
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	119.9	120.4	121.2
Home furnishings (1982=100)	122.0	121.9	122.2
Carpet (1982=100)	132.8	131.5	129.9
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,342	\$3,310	\$3,496
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,063	\$3,070	\$3,054
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,084	\$5,024	\$5,141
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Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.51	1.52	1.47
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.51	1.50	1.44
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,464	\$14,325	\$14,161
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	133.6	131.6	157.4
Imports (DOC, millions, April year-to-date total)	\$26,682	\$28,994	\$23,082
Exports (DOC, millions, April year-to-date total)	\$5,179	\$6,521	\$5,084
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	137,487	137,687	136,487
Unemployment rate (BLS)	6.1	6.0	5.8
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	109.7	110.2	110.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	183.8	184.2	180.2
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	136.8	4 .4	131.0
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,127.7	\$9,039.9	\$8,803.4
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,042.3	\$7,943.2	\$7,666.7
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$27,817	\$27,535	\$26,759
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,630	1,748	1,587
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	74.4	74.8	75.6
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*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.