

U.S. Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	409	415	436
Production workers (BLS, thousands)	337	343	360
Weekly earnings (BLS)	\$475.97	\$477.93	\$485.81
Weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.9	40.3	41.5
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	79.3	79.5	83.0
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	71.8	71.9	74.0
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	119.2	119.3	119.8
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.3	106.7	105.9
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	103.0	102.4	102.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	108.1	110.5	113.3
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	120.4	121.3	121.2
Home furnishings (1982=100)	121.9	121.9	122.5
Carpet (1982=100)	131.5	130.6	129.6
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,380	\$3,405	\$3,606
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,055	\$3,019	\$2,947
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,001	\$4,971	\$5,671
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,561	\$4,595	\$4,313
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.48	1.46	1.57
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.49	1.52	1.46
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,336	\$14,810	\$14,464
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	131.6	125.7	152.0
Imports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$20,236	\$13,626	\$17,452
Exports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$3,850	\$2,432	\$3,720
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	137,687	137,348	136,196
Unemployment rate (BLS)	6.0	5.8	5.9
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	110.1	110.7	110.8
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	184.2	183.1	178.8
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	141.4	137.8	129.9
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,127.8	\$9,039.9	\$8,803.4
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,019.6	\$7,943.2	\$7,666.7
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$27,746	\$27,535	\$26,759
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,780	1,644	1,675
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	74.8	75.3	75.3

+ 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.