

## U.S. Textile Indicators:

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
<b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	415	419	440
<b>Production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)	346	348	373
<b>Weekly earnings</b> (BLS)	\$479.12	\$478.74	\$483.48
<b>Weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)	40.4	40.7	41.4
<b>Textile production index</b> (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	79.3	79.5	81.7
<b>Textile capacity utilization</b> (FRB)	71.8	71.9	72.8
<b>Producer price index, textiles &amp; apparel</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	119.6	119.7	120.1
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	106.3	106.7	106.3
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	103.0	102.4	102.5
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	108.1	110.5	112.8
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	120.4	121.3	120.6
Home furnishings (1982=100)	121.9	121.9	122.3
Carpet (1982=100)	131.5	130.6	130.5
<b>*Manufacturers' textile mill sales</b> (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,555	\$3,333	\$3,431
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)	\$3,119	\$3,135	\$2,973
<b>Manufacturers' textile mill inventories</b> (DOC, millions)	\$4,925	\$4,909	\$5,383
<b>Manufacturers' textile product inventories</b> (DOC, millions)	\$4,587	\$4,528	\$4,423
<b>Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills</b>	1.39	1.47	1.57
<b>Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products</b>	1.47	1.44	1.49
<b>Clothing &amp; accessories retail sales</b> (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$14,372	\$14,903	\$14,597
<b>Stock price index</b> (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	122.2	137.2	141.4
<b>Imports</b> (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$13,626	\$7,086	\$11,844
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$2,432	\$1,213	\$2,360

## U.S. Economic Indicators:

<b>Employment</b> (BLS, thousands)	137,348	137,408	136,450
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (BLS)	5.8	5.8	5.5
<b>Industrial production index</b> (FRB, 1997=100)	110.1	110.7	108.9
<b>Consumer price index</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	183.9	183.3	177.1
<b>Producer price index</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	137.1	134.3	128.5
<b>Personal income</b> (DOC, billions)	\$9,127.7	\$9,102.8	\$8,700.9
<b>Disposable personal income</b> (DOC, billions)	\$7,971.5	\$7,886.0	\$7,391.2
<b>Disposable personal income per capita</b> (DOC)	\$27,752	\$27,703	\$28,853
<b>Housing starts</b> (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,685	1,811	1,629
<b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)	74.8	75.3	75.0

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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.