

	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
U.S. Textile Indicators:			
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	187.0	188.4	210.9
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	166.9	167.4	174.5
Textile mill production workers (BLS, thousands)	145.2	146.6	167.2
Mill product production workers (BLS, thousands)	134.4	135.8	143.6
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$525.50	\$517.93	\$511.68
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$486.82	\$461.36	\$470.02
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.7	40.7	40.6
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.1	39.3	39.6
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	86.2	87.2	91.8
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	74.4	75.1	77.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	125.0	125.0	123.3
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	115.0	114.6	114.7
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	114.8	115.4	112.8
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	120.0	120.0	116.4
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	129.5	128.1	126.5
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.4	123.5	122.3
Carpet (1982=100)	155.0	154.9	152.1
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,778	\$2,742	\$2,825
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$2,769	\$2,782	\$2,938
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,475	\$3,575	\$3,594
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,122	\$3,127	\$3,064
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.25	1.30	1.27
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.13	1.12	1.04
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$18,332	\$18,341	\$17,185
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	214.0	216.8	191.9
Imports (DOC, millions, October year-to-date total)	\$78,762	\$69,981	\$75,720
Exports (DOC, millions, October year-to-date total)	\$14,198	\$12,731	\$14,010

U.S. Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	145,564	145,287	142,594
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.5	4.4	5.0
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	113.7	113.4	108.4
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	201.8	202.9	199.2
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	165.1	162.0	166.6
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$10,954.4	\$10,807.3	\$10,262.7
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,588.4	\$9,446.2	\$9,047.4
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$31,992	\$31,595	\$30,461
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,486	1,740	2,046
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	82.2	82.1	79.9

+ 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.