Textile Barometers

	Latest	Previous	Year
US Textile Indicators:	Month ⁺	Month ⁺⁺	Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	120.0	121.3	145.6
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	124.7	126.0	144.5
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$535.66	\$521.50	\$525.09
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$431.67	\$434.67	\$438.07
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.8	37.9	38.4
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.0	38.3	37.9
Textile mill production (Federal Reserve Board, 2002=100)	53.1	51.8	64.1
Textile product production (FRB, 2002=100)	69.4	69.7	81.2
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	61.3	60.2	62.4
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	129.4	129.5	130.1
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	112.8	114.3	117.7
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	121.1	120.8	126.8
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	125.4	125.5	125.0
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	134.5	134.7	136.4
Home furnishings (1982=100)	128.5	128.7	128.2
Carpet (1982=100)	170.2	167.9	163.7
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	112.8	112.5	3.3
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	100.5	99.4	102.0
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,240	\$2,241	\$2,813
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$1,733	\$1,718	\$2,147
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$2,987	\$3,052	\$3,702
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$2,678	\$2,695	\$3,301
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.33	1.36	1.32
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.55	1.57	1.54
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)		\$17,577	\$17,382
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)	\$60,660	\$52,878	\$70,794
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)	\$10,000	\$8,830	\$12,450
US Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	138,275	138,864	144,657
Unemployment rate (BLS)	10.2	9.8	6.6
Industrial production index (FRB, 2002=100)	98.6	98.5	106.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	216.0	215.8	218.8
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	175.3	174.6	182.5
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$11,956.3	\$11,971.8	\$12,286.6
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$10,833.2	\$10,903.6	\$10,849.3
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$35,379	\$35,531	\$35,586
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	590	587	822
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	70.7	70.5	75.4

+ 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.