## **Textile Barometers**

	Latest	Previous	Year
US Textile Indicators:	${f Month}^+$	$Month^{++}$	Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	4.4	115.0	118.9
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	115.5	116.5	116.7
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$595.02	\$578.09	\$580.18
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$497.30	\$491.25	\$504.15
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	42.8	42.1	43.1
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	38.5	38.3	40.0
Textile mill production (Federal Reserve Board, 2007=100)	76.5	75.4	79.1
Textile product production (FRB, 2007=100)	70.7	71.2	71.5
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	70.8	70.2	69.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	143.5	143.4	142.3
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	122.9	123.0	124.4
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	143.7	142.6	144.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	139.9	140.1	143.6
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	151.3	150.9	151.3
Home furnishings (1982=100)	144.5	44.	141.8
Carpet (1982=100)	181.4	177.8	180.7
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	102.0	102.1	101.5
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	115.2	115.7	116.4
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,542	\$2,497	\$2,457
<b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)	\$2,053	\$2,006	\$1,923
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,362	\$3,346	\$3,497
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,241	\$3,237	\$3,222
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.32	1.34	1.42
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.58	1.61	1.68
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$20,302	\$20,274	\$19,883
Imports (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$16,992	\$8,652	\$16,100
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$3,616	\$1,790	\$3,612
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Employment (BLS, thousands)	143,286	143,492	142,020
Unemployment rate (BLS)	7.6	7.7	8.2
Industrial production index (FRB, 2007=100)	99.5	99.1	96.1
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	232.2	230.3	227.7
<b>Producer price index , all commodities</b> (BLS, 1982=100)	204.1	204.3	204.3
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$13,668.5	\$13,406.2	\$13,017.4
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$12,157.7	\$11,129.7	\$11,598.3
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$38,576	\$37,925	\$37,065
Housing starts (DOC, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,036	968	706
<b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)	78.5	78.3	77.3

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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.