

US Textile Indicators:	Latest Month+	Previous Month++	Year Ago
*Textile mills employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	227.5	229.7	240.7
**Textile product mills employment (BLS, thousands)	176.4	177.3	177.2
*Manufacturers' textile mills sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,494	\$3,528	\$3,496
**Manufacturers' textile product mills sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,301	\$3,300	\$3,285
Textile mills production workers (BLS, thousands)	183.9	186.1	198.5
Textile product mills production workers (BLS, thousands)	143.1	142.2	141.6
Textile mills weekly earnings (BLS)	\$489.20	\$485.10	\$491.60
Textile product mills weekly earnings (BLS)	\$450.34	\$448.48	\$440.38
Textile mills weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.6	39.7	40.3
Textile product mills weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.4	39.4	38.8
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	74.1	74.9	75.4
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	74.1	74.8	73.7
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	122.2	121.9	119.3
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	109.0	108.2	105.2
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	110.0	109.5	107.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	114.2	113.9	112.2
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	123.1	122.5	120.0
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.3	123.3	123.5
Carpet (1982=100)	142.6	142.1	133.5
Manufacturers' textile mills inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,632	\$4,712	\$4,933
Manufacturers' textile product mills inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,443	\$5,395	\$5,068
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.33	1.34	1.41
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile product mills	1.65	1.63	1.54
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$16,178	\$16,497	\$15,917
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	193.5	189.8	158.9
Imports (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$14,010	\$6,886	\$12,281
Exports (DOC, millions, February year-to-date total)	\$2,569	\$1,268	\$2,431

US Economic Indicators:

Employment (BLS, thousands)	140,501	140,144	138,408
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.2	5.4	5.7
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	118.4	118.0	114.4
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	191.8	190.7	186.2
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	151.6	150.9	141.8
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,953.8	\$9,700.4	\$9,330.0
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,884.2	\$8,651.5	\$8,320.5
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$30,108	\$29,395	\$28,474
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	2,195	2,183	1,895
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	79.4	79.0	77.7

+ Preliminary    ++ Revised

\*Textile mills numbers include yarns, spinning, texturing, throwing and twisting, and all types of fabrics and finishing.

\*\*Textile product mills numbers include carpet and rugs, curtains, draperies, other home textiles, canvas, tire cord, and fabric and textile bags.