| U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS: | Latest Month | Previous Month | Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Employment** (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)# | 510.8 | 518.1 | 546.4 |
| **Production workers** (BLS, thousands)# | 429.5 | 436.3 | 461.5 |
| **Average hourly earnings** (BLS)# | $11.04 | $11.04 | $10.85 |
| **Weekly hours worked** (BLS)# | 39.7 | 40.4 | 41.3 |
| Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)# | 8.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 |
| **Textile production index** (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100) | 91.5 | 92.6 | 103.8 |
| **Knit goods production index** (FRB, 1992=100)* | 93.7 | 95.1 | 98.5 |
| **Man-made fibers output index** (FRB, 1992=100)* | 94.0 | 91.2 | 102.7 |
| **Textile capacity utilization** (FRB) | 74.9 | 75.7 | 83.4 |
| **Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear** (BLS, 1982-84=100) | 126.2 | 125.2 | 127.2 |
| **Producer price index, textiles & apparel** (BLS, 1982=100)# | 121.9 | 121.6 | 121.0 |
| Man-made fibers (1982=100)# | 111.4 | 109.2 | 104.7 |
| Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)# | 108.0 | 108.5 | 107.8 |
| Greige fabrics (1982=100)# | 115.7 | 115.3 | 113.3 |
| Finished fabrics (1982=100)# | 121.7 | 121.8 | 121.8 |
| Home furnishings (1982=100)# | 122.2 | 121.5 | 122.1 |
| Carpet (1982=100)# | 129.9 | 127.6 | 123.4 |
| **Apparel retail sales** (Dept. of Commerce, billions) | $12.321 | $12.289 | $11.702 |
| **Textile manufacturers' sales** (DOC, billions)* | $6.132 | $6.157 | $6.462 |
| **Inventories** (DOC, billions)* | $10.466 | $10.488 | $10.131 |
| **Inventory-sales ratio**ic | 1.707 | 1.703 | 1.568 |
| **Imports** (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)# | $6,930 | $60,120 | $5,649 |
| **Exports** (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)# | $1,374 | $14,131 | $1,280 |
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| **U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:** | | | |
| **Employment** (BLS, millions) | 135.815 | 135.999 | 135.120 |
| **Unemployment rate** (BLS) | 4.2% | 4.2% | 4.1% |
| **Disposable personal income** (DOC, billions, annual rates) | N/A | $7,139.5 | $6,858.5 |
| **Real disposable personal income per capita** (1996$, a.r.)* | $23,701 | $23,719 | $23,469 |
| **Consumption outlays, clothing** (DOC, billions, a.r.) | N/A | $288.682 | $278.191 |
| **Industrial production index** (FRB, 1992=100) | 146.0 | 146.8 | 144.3 |
| **Housing starts** (DOC, millions, a.r.) | 1.647 | 1.653 | 1.822 |
| **Consumer price index** (BLS, 1982-84=100) | 176.2 | 175.7 | 170.2 |
| **Foreign exchange value of dollar** (FRB, March 1973=100) | 101.44 | 100.24 | 95.31 |

# Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality.    � January, otherwise latest month is February.