

U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	474.4	479.8	534.9
Production workers (BLS, thousands)#	395.8	399.9	448.1
Average hourly earnings (BLS)#	\$11.33	\$11.29	\$11.13
Weekly hours worked (BLS)#	40.7	40.4	41.3
Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)#	6.7	9.6	3.2
Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	87.3	87.7	103.1
Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)*	87.4	90.1	101.8
Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)*	93.3	90.0	111.1
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	72.5	72.6	83.3
Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100)	123.3	123.7	125.3
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.3	121.3	121.4
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	107.7	108.3	108.1
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	106.3	106.8	108.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	115.1	113.8	111.6
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	123.5	123.0	122.6
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	122.3	122.3	122.5
Carpet (1982=100)#	125.7	126.4	126.0
Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$14.025	\$14.160	\$13.862
Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)*	\$6.724	\$6.689	\$7.254
Inventories (DOC, billions)*	\$11.461	\$11.557	\$11.630
Inventory-sales ratio*	1.704	1.728	1.603
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$31,150	\$25,041	\$29,591
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$7,441	\$5,940	\$7,733

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

Employment (BLS, millions)	134.932	135.103	135.183
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.5%	4.4%	4.0%
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,249.1	\$6,991.5
Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$23,858	\$23,859	\$23,658
Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$287.899	\$281.266
Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100)	142.5	143.5	147.9
Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.658	1.610	1.560
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	177.9	177.5	172.2
Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100)	105.91	105.03	96.74

# Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality.      \* May, otherwise latest month is June.