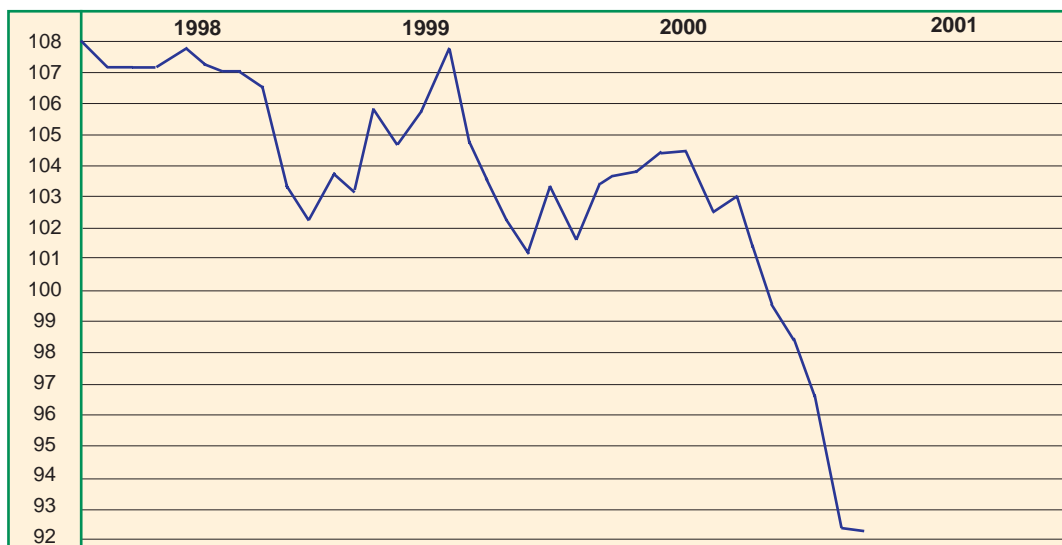


# Index Of Textile Production (1992 = 100)



U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest month	Previous month	Year ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	525.3	531.6	550.2
Production workers (BLS, thousands)#	442.5	448.8	464.7
Average hourly earnings (BLS)#	\$11.04	\$11.04	\$10.84
Weekly hours worked (BLS)#	41.2	41.0	41.8
Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)#	4.8	3.3	4.8
Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	92.2	92.3	103.4
Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)*	94.8	95.3	99.2
Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)*	98.6	101.1	110.2
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	75.2	75.2	82.9
Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100) 128.3		125.7	126.3
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.8	121.9	120.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	110.5	110.5	103.4
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	107.8	108.1	107.6
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	115.0	114.8	111.8
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	122.8	122.7	121.9
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	121.3	121.3	121.8
Carpet (1982=100)#	128.9	126.0	123.1
Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$12.116	\$12.013	\$11.312
Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)*	\$6.192	\$6.261	\$6.545
Inventories (DOC, billions)*	\$10.456	\$10.487	\$10.101
Inventory-sales ratio*	1.689	1.675	1.543
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$73,908	\$67,618	\$64,483
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$17,339	\$15,784	\$15,978

## U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

Employment (BLS, millions)	135.836	135.478	134.498
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,095.8	\$6,783.4
Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$23,732	\$23,729	\$23,435
Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$289.752	\$270.704
Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100)	147.3	148.1	142.8
Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.575	1.57	1.769
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	174.5	174.2	168.8
Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100)	101.37	103.18	93.23