

U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year Ago
<b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	506.0	509.5	547.5
<b>Production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)#	424.7	427.3	463.0
<b>Average hourly earnings</b> (BLS)#	\$11.10	\$11.02	\$10.94
<b>Weekly hours worked</b> (BLS)#	38.3	40.0	41.7
<b>Unemployment rate, textile mill workers</b> (BLS)#	9.1	6.1	5.4
<b>Textile production index</b> (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	90.7	93.1	104.4
<b>Knit goods production index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)*	92.9	90.9	101.1
<b>Man-made fibers output index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)*	95.4	94.7	106.8
<b>Textile capacity utilization</b> (FRB)	74.8	76.6	84.1
<b>Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	125.1	126.6	126.4
<b>Producer price index, textiles &amp; apparel</b> (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.8	121.7	121.3
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	111.6	111.3	105.7
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	107.2	107.4	108.1
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	115.2	115.3	113.2
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	123.0	121.9	122.9
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	122.9	122.4	122.3
Carpet (1982=100)#	126.2	125.4	124.0
<b>Apparel retail sales</b> (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$12.308	\$12.118	\$11.761
<b>Textile manufacturers' sales</b> (DOC, billions)*	\$5.949	\$6.097	\$6.573
<b>Inventories</b> (DOC, billions)*	\$10.350	\$10.360	\$10.203
<b>Inventory-sales ratio</b> *	1.740	1.699	1.552
<b>Imports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$19,395	\$12,859	\$18,048
<b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$4,482	\$2,855	\$4,445

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:			
<b>Employment</b> (BLS, millions)	135.354	135.780	135.517
<b>Unemployment rate</b> (BLS)	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%
<b>Disposable personal income</b> (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,213.4	\$6,939.7
<b>Real disposable personal income per capita</b> (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$23,847	\$23,765	\$23,504
<b>Consumption outlays, clothing</b> (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$290.497	\$279.725
<b>Industrial production index</b> (FRB, 1992=100)	144.9	145.3	146.3
<b>Housing starts</b> (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.609	1.586	1.626
<b>Consumer price index</b> (BLS, 1982-84=100)	176.8	176.3	171.1
<b>Foreign exchange value of dollar</b> (FRB, March 1973=100)	105.09	103.98	96.31

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