

U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS:	Latest Month	Previous Month	Year Ago
Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)#	468.9	475.6	528.0
Production workers (BLS, thousands)#	392.8	397.6	442.8
Average hourly earnings (BLS)#	\$11.37	\$11.32	\$11.18
Weekly hours worked (BLS)#	39.1	40.6	41.0
Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)#	9.1	6.7	3.9
Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100)	87.0	87.1	101.4
Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)*	83.2	87.2	99.6
Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)*	85.6	93.3	103.4
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	72.4	72.3	82.1
Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100)	122.3	123.3	124.8
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)#	121.2	121.3	121.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)#	108.2	107.7	107.3
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)#	105.0	106.3	108.0
Greige fabrics (1982=100)#	113.3	115.1	112.8
Finished fabrics (1982=100)#	123.4	123.5	123.0
Home furnishings (1982=100)#	122.4	122.3	122.5
Carpet (1982=100)#	126.0	125.7	124.6
Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions)	\$14.225	\$14.093	\$13.943
Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)*	\$6.667	\$6.689	\$7.236
Inventories (DOC, billions)*	\$11.315	\$11.394	\$11.673
Inventory-sales ratio*	1.697	1.703	1.613
Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$38,001	\$31,150	\$36,782
Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)#	\$8,902	\$7,441	\$9,370
U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:			
Employment (BLS, millions)	135.379	134.932	134.898
Unemployment rate (BLS)	4.5%	4.5%	4.0%
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates)	N/A	\$7,390.5	\$7,055.0
Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)*	\$24,207	\$24,202	\$23,768
Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.)	N/A	\$273.761	\$272.059
Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100)	142.8	143.0	147.6
Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.)	1.672	1.627	1.477
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	177.4	177.9	172.7
Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100)	106.07	105.91	97.68

# Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality.

\* June, otherwise latest month is July.