

[Related BLS programs](#) | [Related articles](#)

ABSTRACT

[August 1995, Vol. 118, No. 8](#)

Unraveling employment trends in textiles and apparel

Lauren A. Murray

Economist, formally with the Division of Monthly Industry Employment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Both of these industries continue to shed large numbers of workers; although textiles and apparel are closely related, the reasons for their job losses, and the prognosis for their future, differ. This article focuses on the employment trends in textiles and apparel over the past half century, with an emphasis on developments since the 1970's. The underlying causes of the protracted employment declines in each industry are examined and some of the issues that will affect future employment needs are discussed.

▶ [Read excerpt](#) ▶ [Download full text in PDF](#) (874K)

Related BLS programs

[National Current Employment Statistics](#)

Related *Monthly Labor Review* articles

[Employment trends in textiles and apparel, 1973-2005](#). August 1997.

Apparel price indexes: effects of hedonic adjustment. May 1994.

Within *Monthly Labor Review Online*:

[Welcome](#) | [Current Issue](#) | [Index](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Archives](#)

Exit *Monthly Labor Review Online*:

[BLS Home](#) | [Publications & Research Papers](#)