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NOTE. Data are now published on the new North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis and therefore are not always comparable to the old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code. For further information on NAICS, see [www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html](http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html).

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**Table 1. Summary of Knit Fabrics Production: 1991 to 2000**  
**[Millions of pounds]**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Warp knit</b>	<b>Weft knit</b>
2000. ....	1,584		341	1,243
1999. ....	1,822	r/	404	1,418
1998. ....	2,016		497	1,519
1997 1/. ....	2,174		467	1,707
1996. ....	1,915		360	1,555
1995. ....	2,131		397	1,734
1994. ....	2,211		350	1,861
1993. ....	2,188		323	1,865
1992. ....	2,179		315	1,864
1991. ....	1,963		296	1,667

r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data.

1/For 1997, a number of companies were added based on information in the 1997 Economic Census, Manufacturing Sector. Data were received from these establishments for 1997; therefore, the information shown for years prior to 1997 may not be directly comparable. These changes represent approximately 7.8 percent of the total knit fabric production.

Note: Detail may not add because of independent rounding.

Table 2. Production of Knit Fabrics Off Knitting Machine by Type: 2000 and 1999  
 [Thousands of pounds]

Product code	Product description	2000		1999	
		Number of knitting machines 1/	Total production	Number of knitting machines 1/	Total production
	Knit fabrics production, excluding narrow knit fabrics and knit garment lengths, trimmings, and collars. . . . .	12,692	1,528,988	14,338	1,764,250
	Warp knit fabrics yard goods (over 12 inches in width). . . . .	3,520	317,061	4,354	r/ 379,181
3132491121	Pile fabrics (raschel and raschel crochet). . . . .	839	86,720	1,235	r/ 115,317
3132491122	Long pile fabrics. . . . .	(X)	48,336	(X)	r/ 58,343
3132491123	All acrylic or modacrylic and chiefly acrylic or modacrylic. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491125	All polyester and chiefly polyester. . . . .	(X)	41,232	(X)	r/ 48,617
3132491129	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491131	Looped pile fabrics (terry cloth). . . . .	(X)	23,149	(X)	r/ 39,537
3132491132	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491135	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491139	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	-	(X)	-
3132491141	All other pile fabrics (velour, etc.). . . . .	(X)	15,235	(X)	r/ 17,437
3132491143	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491146	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	13,452	(X)	15,396
3132491149	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491151	Elastic fabrics (containing by weight 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread). . . . .	748	40,526	r/ 835	46,933
3132491161	All other warp knit fabrics. . . . .	1,933	189,815	r/ 2,284	r/ 216,931
	By type:				
3132491163	Tricot, simplex, and milanese. . . . .	(X)	117,968	(X)	136,384
3132491169	All other. . . . .	(X)	71,847	(X)	r/ 80,547
	By fiber:				
3132491171	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	6,737	(X)	14,872
3132491174	All wool and chiefly wool. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132491175	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	182,802	(X)	r/ 201,838
3132491179	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
	Weft knit yard goods (over 12 inches in width). . . . .	9,172	1,211,927	9,984	1,385,069
3132411221	Pile fabrics. . . . .	515	65,586	r/ 522	67,035
3132411223	Long pile fabrics, including sliver knit. . . . .	(X)	20,271	(X)	21,148
3132411224	All acrylic or modacrylic and chiefly acrylic or modacrylic. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132411225	All polyester and chiefly polyester. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132411226	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	1,086	(X)	1,096
3132411229	Looped pile fabrics (terry cloth). . . . .	(X)	42,160	(X)	42,580
3132411231	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	31,004	(X)	r/ 30,778
3132411233	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	11,156	(X)	r/ 11,802
3132411235	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	-	(X)	-
3132411237	All other pile fabrics (velour, etc.). . . . .	(X)	3,155	(X)	r/ 3,307
3132411239	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	r/ 1,507
3132411241	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	1,432	(X)	(D)
3132411243	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132411246	Elastic fabrics (containing by weight 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread). . . . .	79	10,049	136	20,226
3132411251	Single circular knit (except pile and elastic). . . . .	5,822	915,114	6,414	1,047,914
	By type:				
3132411253	Fleece or flannel. . . . .	(X)	233,922	(X)	255,151
3132411255	Underwear and nightwear. . . . .	(X)	250,350	(X)	263,120
3132411257	All other apparel uses. . . . .	(X)	329,784	(X)	398,666
3132411259	All other uses. . . . .	(X)	101,058	(X)	130,977
	By fiber:				
3132411261	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	606,367	(X)	692,334
3132411263	All wool and chiefly wool. . . . .	(X)	738	(X)	1,511
3132411264	All nylon and chiefly nylon. . . . .	(X)	7,908	(X)	r/ 8,125
3132411265	All polyester and chiefly polyester. . . . .	(X)	59,612	(X)	115,519
3132411267	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	231,228	(X)	222,057
3132411269	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	9,261	(X)	r/ 8,368

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 [Thousands of pounds]

Product code	Product description	2000		1999	
		Number of knitting machines 1/	Total production	Number of knitting machines 1/	Total production
3132411271	Double knit and interlock. . . . .	1,312	145,344	r/ 1,236	166,754
	By fiber:				
3132411272	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	43,195	(X) r/	54,213
3132411274	All wool and chiefly wool. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
3132411276	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	88,703	(X)	96,872
3132411279	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
	By type:				
3132411281	Outerwear apparel, other than shirts. . . . .	(X)	34,949	(X)	53,301
3132411283	Outer shirts, blouses, and tops. . . . .	(X)	62,109	(X)	63,904
3132411289	All other uses. . . . .	(X)	48,286	(X)	49,549
3132411291	Rib other than double knit and interlock. . . . .	1,444	75,834	1,676	83,140
3132411292	All cotton and chiefly cotton. . . . .	(X)	38,599	(X) r/	42,835
3132411293	All wool and chiefly wool. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	1,473
3132411294	All manmade and chiefly manmade. . . . .	(X)	26,711	(X)	33,434
3132411298	All other fibers. . . . .	(X)	(D)	(X)	5,398
	Narrow knit fabrics production. . . . .	1,281	55,113	1,369	57,898
	Narrow warp knit yard goods (12 inches or less in width). . . . .	746	23,660	r/ 825	24,867
3132491113	Elastic fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3132491116	All other narrow warp knit fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Narrow weft knit fabrics yard goods (12 inches or less in width). . . . .	535	31,453	r/ 544 r/	33,031
3132411113	Elastic fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3132411115	All other narrow knit fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Knit garment lengths, trimmings, and collars 2/. . . . .	2,723	29,196	r/ 2,648 r/	30,184
	Knit garment lengths, made on sweater, strip, V-bed, and full-fashioned machines. . . . .	1,422	13,232	1,309	12,712
	Knit trimmings and collars. . . . .	1,301	15,964	r/ 1,339 r/	17,472

- Represents zero. D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. r/Revised by 5 percent or more from previously published data. X Not applicable.

1/Knitting machines operating on the last working day of the year.

2/Quantity produced in thousands of dozens.

Table 3. Production of Knit Fabrics Off Knitting Machine by Method of Distribution: 2000 and 1999  
[Thousands of pounds]

Product code	Product description	2000			1999		
		Produced for own use	Produced for sale	Produced on commission	Produced for own use	Produced for sale	Produced on commission
	Knit fabrics production, excluding narrow knit fabrics and knit garment lengths, trimmings, and collars. . . . .	835,837	497,326	195,825	927,057	608,610 r/	228,583
	Warp knit fabrics yard goods (over 12 inches in width). . . . .	69,366	223,641	24,054	71,125 r/	284,257 r/	23,799
3132491121	Pile fabrics (raschel and raschel crochet). . . . .	26,819	42,234	17,667	(D) r/	70,963	(D)
3132491151	Elastic fabrics (containing by weight 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread). . . . .	18,742	21,784	-	(D)	27,309	(D)
3132491161	All other warp knit fabrics. . . . .	23,805	159,623	6,387	23,980 r/	185,985	6,966
	Weft knit fabrics yard goods (over 12 inches in width). . . . .	766,471	273,685	171,771	855,932 r/	324,353 r/	204,784
3132411221	Pile fabrics. . . . .	29,404	30,303	5,879	(D)	(D)	4,869
3132411246	Elastic fabrics (containing by weight 5 percent or more elastomeric yarn or rubber thread). . . . .	-	3,551	6,498	(D)	(D)	10,823
3132411251	Single circular knit (except pile and elastic). . . . .	664,608	173,964	76,542	746,829 r/	209,520 r/	91,565
3132411271	Double knit and interlock. . . . .	31,881	43,689	69,774	34,172	52,089	80,493
3132411291	Rib other than double knit and interlock. . . . .	40,578	22,178	13,078	44,724	21,382 r/	17,034
	Narrow knit fabrics production. . . . .	13,527	34,352	7,234 r/	12,433	38,309	7,156
	Narrow warp knit fabrics yard goods (12 inches or less in width). . . . .	(D)	16,774	(D)	(D)	17,777	(D)
3132491113	Elastic fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-
3132491116	All other narrow warp knit fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Narrow weft knit fabrics yard goods (12 inches or less in width). . . . .	(D)	17,578	(D)	(D)	20,532	(D)
3132411113	Elastic fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
3132411115	All other narrow weft knit fabrics. . . . .	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Knit garment lengths, trimmings, and collars /1. . . . .	9,377	11,798	8,021 r/	9,125	14,179	6,880
	Knit garment lengths, made on sweater, strip, V-bed, and full-fashioned machines. . . . .	1,910	6,031	5,291	2,063	6,224	4,425
	Knit trimmings and collars. . . . .	7,467	5,767	2,730 r/	7,062	7,955	2,455

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Table 4. Shipments, Exports, Imports, and Apparent Consumption of Knit Fabrics: 2000  
 [Quantity in thousands of kilograms. Value in thousands of dollars]

Product description	Domestic production (quantity)	Exports of domestic merchandise 1/		Percent exports to manufacturers' shipments (quantity)	Imports for consumption 2/		Percent imports to domestic merchandise (quantity)
		Quantity	Value at port		Quantity	Value 3/	
Total . . . . .	718,548	116,478	786,913	16.2	150,766	1,135,450	21.0
Pile fabrics. . . . .	69,086	20,533	182,594	29.7	42,745	285,874	61.9
Long pile fabrics. . . . .	31,120	907	7,519	2.9	2,560	19,807	8.2
Looped pile fabrics. . . . .	29,624	6,047	76,053	20.4	15,381	91,561	51.9
Of cotton fibers. . . . .	(D)	30	1,080	(D)	553	4,144	(D)
Of manmade fibers. . . . .	(D)	4,761	69,376	(D)	14,309	79,486	(D)
Of other fibers. . . . .	(D)	1,256	5,597	(D)	519	7,931	(D)
Other pile fabrics. . . . .	8,342	13,579	99,022	(S)	24,804	174,506	297.3
Of cotton fibers. . . . .	(D)	1,832	5,659	(D)	214	2,233	(D)
Of manmade fibers. . . . .	(D)	6,309	73,933	(D)	24,522	171,135	(D)
Of other fibers. . . . .	(D)	5,438	19,430	(D)	68	1,138	(D)
Elastic fabrics. . . . .	31,963	12,907	130,947	40.4	16,612	235,564	52.0
12 inches or less in width. . . . .	9,022	9,274	67,061	(S)	788	9,605	8.7
Over 12 inches in width. . . . .	22,941	3,633	63,886	15.8	15,824	225,959	69.0
Other warp knit fabrics. . . . .	86,100	11,049	94,602	12.8	15,765	150,247	18.3
Of cotton fibers. . . . .	3,056	2,982	21,532	(S)	374	3,451	12.2
Of wool fibers. . . . .	(D)	76	942	(D)	5	128	(D)
Of manmade fibers. . . . .	82,919	7,636	69,114	9.2	15,366	146,132	18.5
Of other fibers. . . . .	(D)	355	3,014	(D)	20	536	(D)
Other narrow knit fabrics. . . . .	15,977	3,288	22,039	20.6	1,244	12,241	7.8
Other knit fabrics. . . . .	515,422	68,701	356,731	13.3	74,400	451,524	14.4
Of cotton fibers. . . . .	312,150	31,517	145,865	10.1	46,130	201,365	14.8
Of wool fibers. . . . .	(D)	70	512	(D)	99	3,263	(D)
Of manmade fibers. . . . .	187,864	35,422	195,672	18.9	27,986	244,244	14.9
Double knit and interlock 4/. . . . .	40,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,468	95,589	23.5
Other 4/. . . . .	147,628	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	18,518	148,655	12.5
Of other fibers. . . . .	(D)	1,692	14,682	(D)	185	2,652	(D)

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. NA Not available. S Does not meet publication standards.

1/Source: Census Bureau report EM 545, U.S. Exports.

2/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.

3/Dollar value represents the c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) value at first port of entry in the United States plus import duties.

4/Individual export data are not available for these products; however, export data are available on a total basis.

Table 5. Comparison of North American Industry Classification System-Based Product Codes with Schedule B Export Numbers and HTSUSA Import Numbers: 2000

Product code	Product description	Export number 1/	Import number 2/
3132411223 3132491122	Long pile fabrics. . . . .	6001.10.0000	6001.10.2000 6001.10.6000
3132411231 3132491132	Cotton looped pile fabrics. . . . .	6001.21.0000	6001.21.0000
3132411233 3132491135	Manmade looped pile fabrics. . . . .	6001.22.0000	6001.22.0000
3132411235 3132491139	Other looped pile fabrics. . . . .	6001.29.0000	6001.29.0000
3132411239 3132491143	Cotton other pile fabrics. . . . .	6001.91.0000	6001.91.0010 6001.91.0020
3132411241 3132491146	Manmade other pile fabrics. . . . .	6001.92.0000	6001.92.0010 6001.92.0020 6001.92.0030 6001.92.0040
3132411243 3132491149	Other pile fabrics (except cotton and manmade). . . . .	6001.99.0000	6001.99.1000 6001.99.9000
3132411246 3132491151	Elastic fabrics over 12 inches. . . . .	6002.30.0000	6002.30.2010 6002.30.2025 6002.30.2085 6002.30.9000
3132411113 3132491113	Elastic fabrics 12 inches or less. . . . .	6002.10.4000 6002.10.8000	6002.10.4000 6002.10.8020 6002.10.8080
3132491171	Cotton warp knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.42.0000	6002.42.0000
3132491174	Wool warp knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.41.0000	6002.41.0000
3132491175	Manmade warp knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.43.0020 6002.43.0070	6002.43.0010 6002.43.0020 6002.43.0080
3132491179	Other warp knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.49.0000	6002.49.0000
3132411115 3132491116	Other narrow knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.20.1000 6002.20.3000 6002.20.6000 6002.20.9000	6002.20.1000 6002.20.3000 6002.20.6000 6002.20.9000
3132411261 3132411272 3132411292	Cotton other knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.92.1000 6002.92.9020 6002.92.9080	6002.92.1000 6002.92.9020 6002.92.9080
3132411263 3132411274 3132411293	Wool other knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.91.0000	6002.91.0000
3132411264 3132411265 3132411267 3132411276 3132411294	Manmade other knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.93.0000	6002.93.0020 6002.93.0040 6002.93.0060 6002.93.0080
3132411269 3132411279 3132411298	Other fibers other knit fabrics. . . . .	6002.99.0000	6002.99.1000 6002.99.9000

1/Source: 2000 edition, Harmonized System-based Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States.

2/Source: Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Annotated (2000).