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ABSTRACT

This study sought to explore the contribution of the textile industry to economic growth in Kenya. The objectives of the study were to determine how the number of employees in the textile industry influences the level of economic growth, to find out whether textile exports influence economic growth and to determine the impact of textile imports on economic growth.

Various stakeholders will benefit from the study including the government, textile entrepreneurs and the future students in general. The researchers have adopted a descriptive research design. The target population is the Kenyan textile industry. This study used data from KNBS and STATA software (Version 11.1) was used in the analysis of the data.

The study found out that textile industry has a limited contribution towards GDP. It also found out employment from textile plays a great role in the economy. The study concluded that exports, imports and employment from the textile industry contribute to economic growth in Kenya.