

The vast majority of U.S. workers (71.6 percent) were employed, in 2006, by firms that had been in business for at least 10 years.



👉 More than half (52.4 percent) of all firms in the United States were at least 10 years old.

👉 Firms that were in business 4 to 9 years accounted for 25.3 percent of all firms in the United States and 19.6 percent of all employment.

👉 Although firms in business 1 to 3 years made up about 22 percent of the total, they accounted for about 9 percent of all employment.

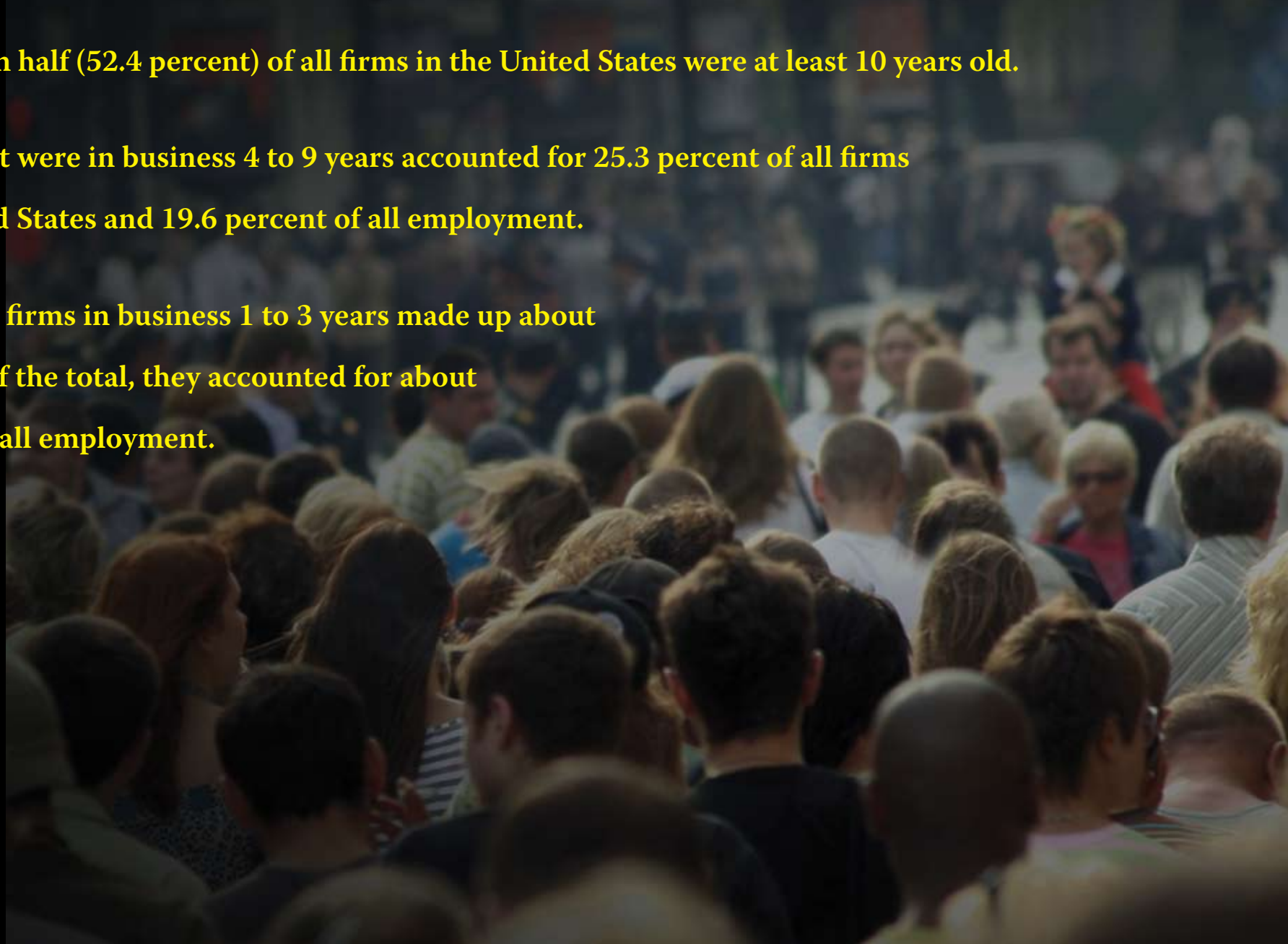
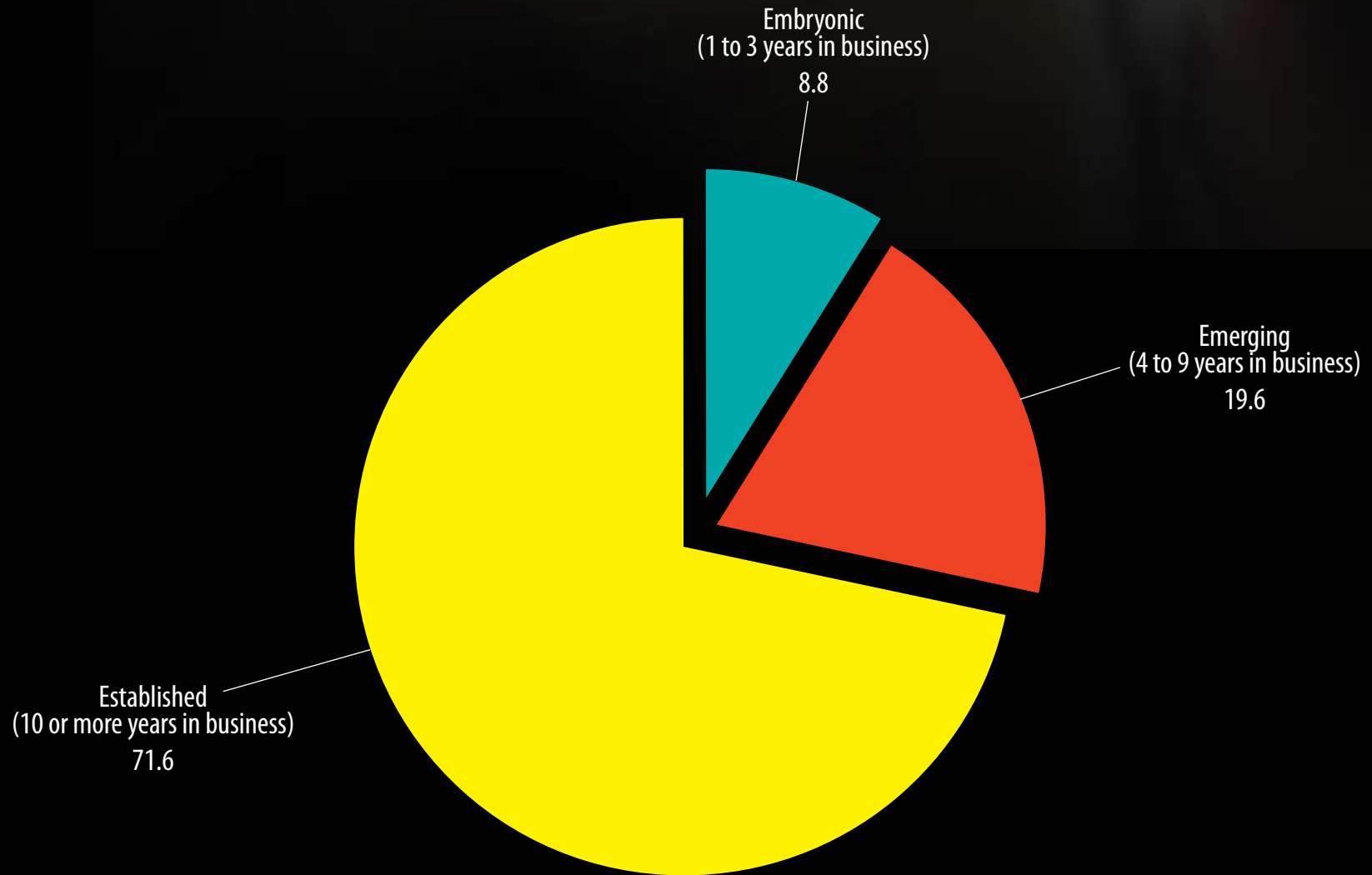


CHART **10** Age of firms: share of total employment in percent,
December 2006



NOTE: Based on preliminary research data. BED tables/data are not included on the enclosed CD. For more information, go to www.bls.gov/bdm/home.