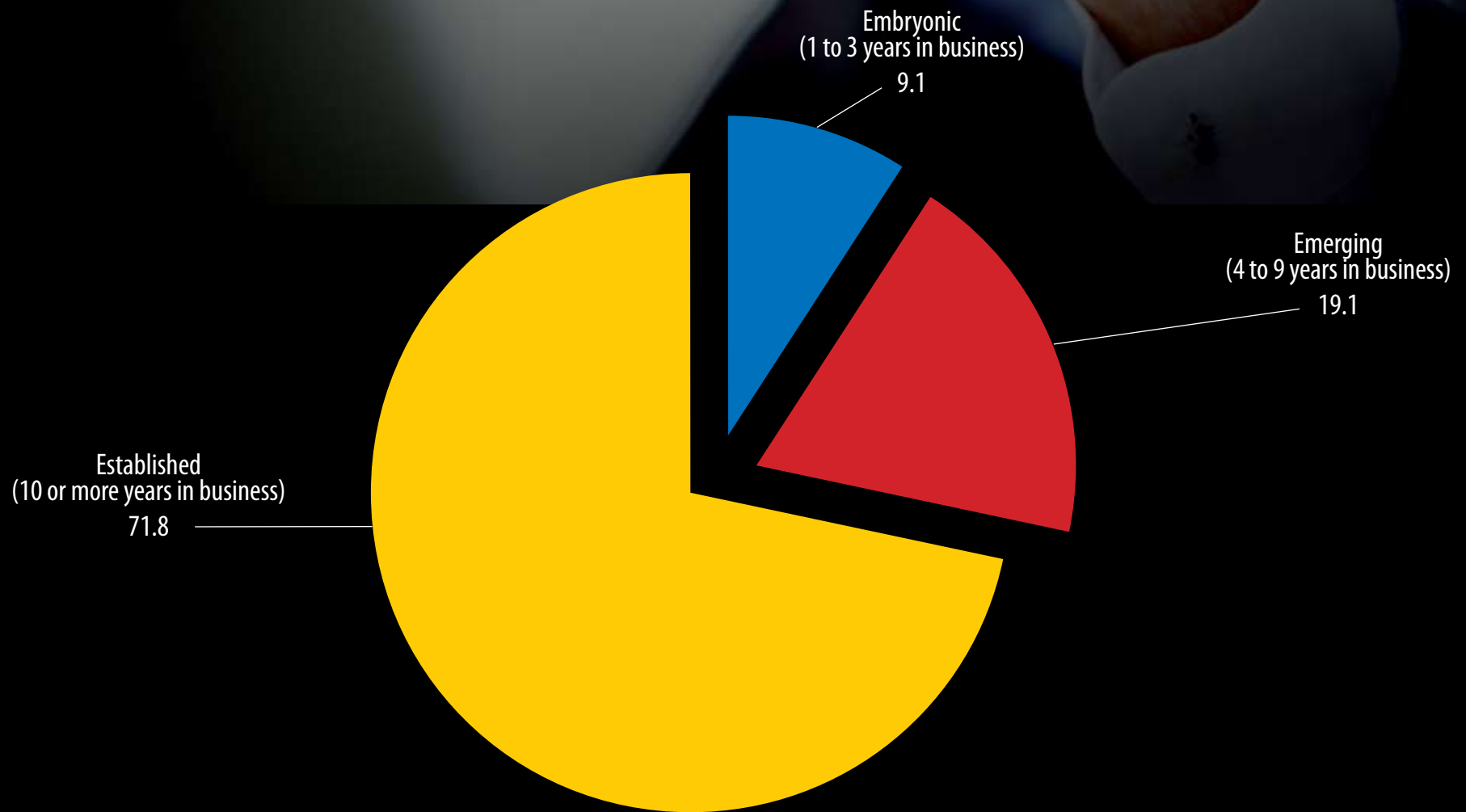


Firms in business 10 years or more in 2007 employed nearly 72 percent of all workers.

🐙 Roughly 50 percent of all firms in the United States were at least 10 years old in 2007. This is a decline of nearly 2 percentage points from 2006.

🐙 Firms in business 1 to 3 years accounted for 23 percent of all firms in the United States but about 9 percent of all employment.

FIGURE 11 Age of firms: share of total employment in percent, December 2007



NOTE: Based on preliminary research data.