




In the first quarter of 2006, there were 8.4 million business establishments in the United States private sector.

👉 **More than three quarters of these establishments employed fewer than 10 workers.**

👉 **A majority of workers in the private sector are employed by establishments with 10 to 249 workers.**



An *establishment* is defined as an economic unit that produces goods or services, usually at a single physical location, and engages in one or predominantly one activity. A firm may consist of several establishments under common ownership by a corporate parent.

CHART **2**

Percent distribution of private-sector establishments and employment by size class

Percent **First quarter 2006 (establishments) and March 2006 (employment)**

