The health care and social assistance industry experienced the largest gain in employment in 2008 with 438,700 jobs added.

Both manufacturing and construction lost more than 400,000 jobs in 2008.

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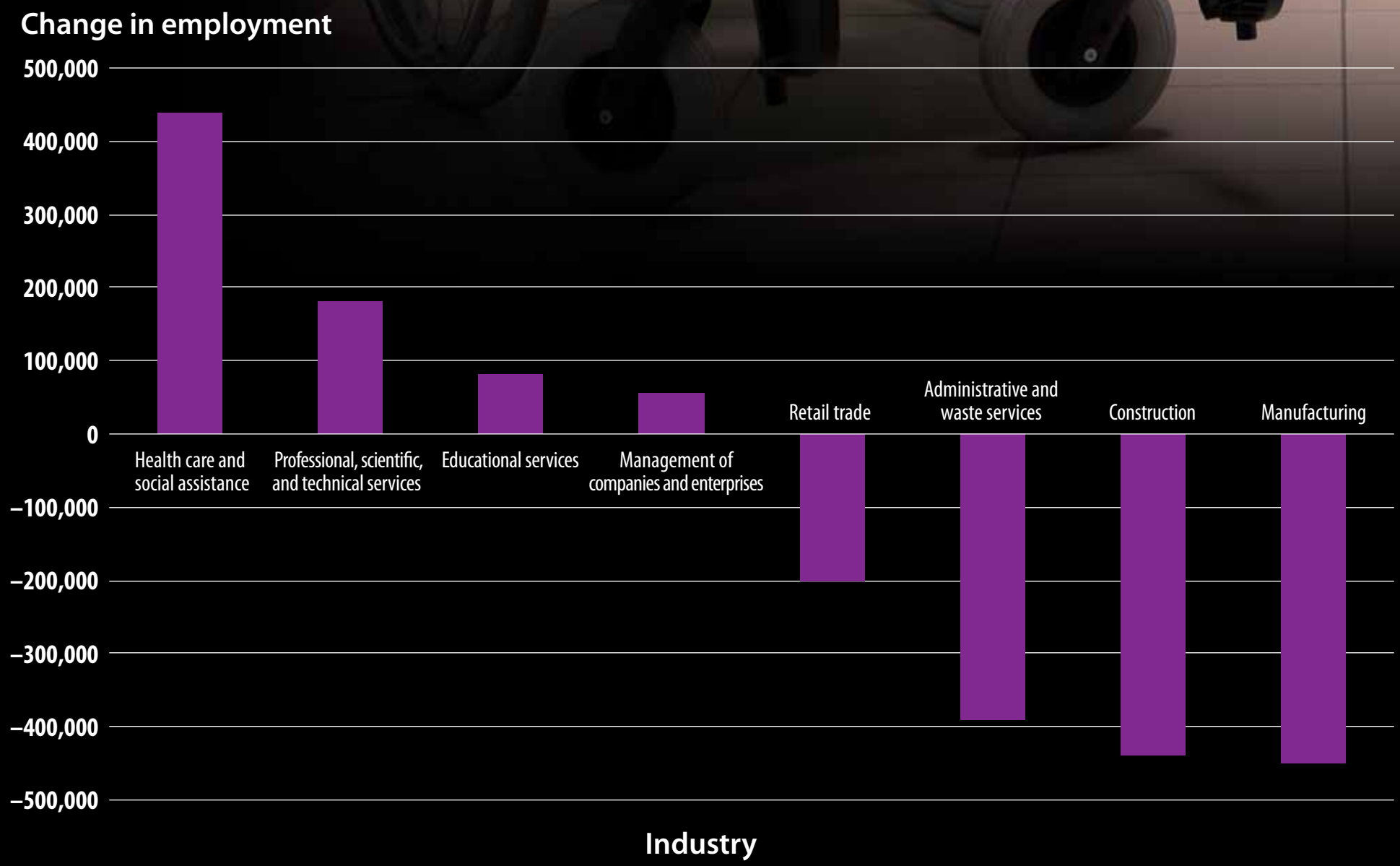
FIGURE 14 Largest over-the-year changes in private-sector annual average employment by industry, 2007–2008