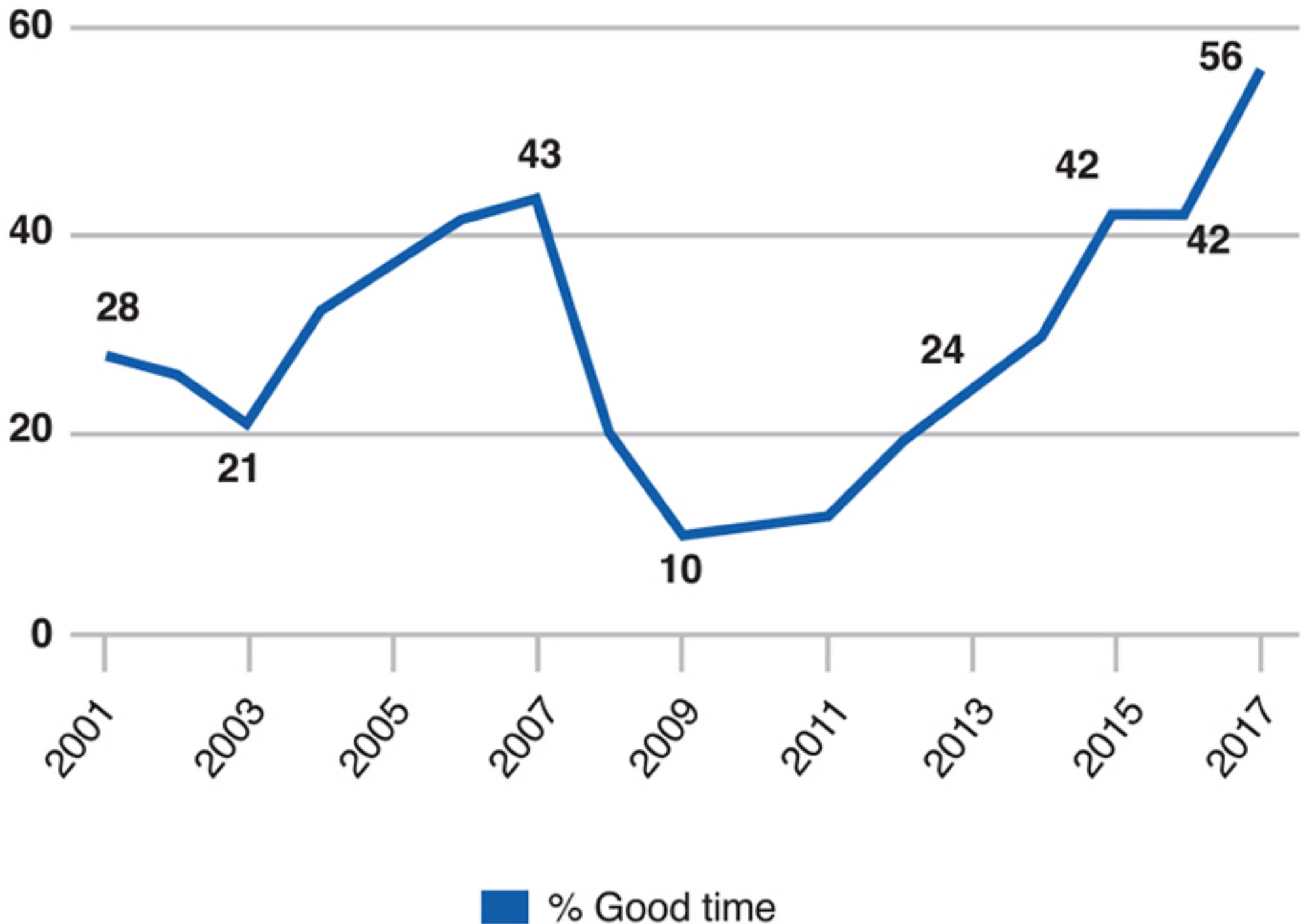


JOB MARKET OPTIMISM HITS RECORD HIGH

Americans' optimism about finding a quality job averaged 56 percent in 2017, the highest annual average in 17 years of Gallup polling and a sharp increase from 42 percent in 2016. Coinciding with rising optimism, the U.S. unemployment rate fell from an average 4.9 percent in 2016 to 4.4 percent in 2017, the lowest rate since 2000.

IS NOW A GOOD TIME OR A BAD TIME TO FIND A QUALITY JOB?



Data for 2001 is based on four readings Aug-Dec.

All other years have data for 12 months.

Source: Gallup