



American Express Co / AXP

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$302.96	+0.87 +0.29%	-/-	\$302.09

Market	NYSE
Industry	Financial Services
Market data as of	Oct 2, 2026 11:30 PM EDT

JW Intelligence Report

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
54.8 / 100	Balanced	high	55 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$300.00	\$314.00	\$291.00	81 / 100

Options stance	neutral
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 2, 2026 7:50 PM EDT

Key insight

AXP Option Market Implies Balanced Outlook with Earnings Risk

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias

Bearish

AI analysis updated

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Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long only, reduced size, looking for an oversold bounce toward first resistance. This is not a high-conviction directional trade: the intermediate trend is still down and Oct 23 earnings are a binary event inside the 1-3 week window. Uncertainty is high; a soft credit update or guidance comment can invalidate the setup quickly.

Three-month outlook

Base case is a modest recovery toward the low-to-mid \$330s if Q3 confirms spending growth near recent rates, stable write-offs, and the FY2026 EPS range of \$17.30-\$17.90. A move into the mid-\$340s is possible if the multiple re-expands, but recent target cuts argue against treating older high-\$360s averages as the base case. Downside toward the high \$270s to low \$290s remains open if credit costs rise, rewards and marketing spend outrun fees, or rate and fintech/AI concerns intensify. Uncertainty is material: the Oct 23 print, the rate path, and competitive response are unresolved, and analyst targets disagree widely.

Market sentiment

Mixed and cautious, not momentum-bullish. Longer-term retail posts are selectively buying the dip, citing a blue-chip brand, dividend, premium/high-income customers, and multiple compression (forward P/E discussed near the mid-teens). Technical accounts are posting short-term bearish harmonic setups. Broader commentary treats the stock as already pricing AI, rate, and credit risks that have not fully appeared in spending or write-offs, with attention on the Oct 23 report. Promotional spam is common and should be ignored. Uncertainty: the X sample is small, noisy, and not a reliable read on institutional positioning.

Supporting evidence

Implied volatility (IV) is elevated at 29.53%, suggesting market anticipation of potential volatility around the October 23rd earnings release. | The term structure shows a slight contango, with near-term IV higher than longer-term IV, indicating some concern about short-term price swings. | The delta 25 skew is balanced, meaning there's no strong preference for either call or put options at the money, suggesting uncertainty about the direction of price movement. | Technical indicators show oversold conditions but an overall bearish trend with the stock trading below key moving averages.

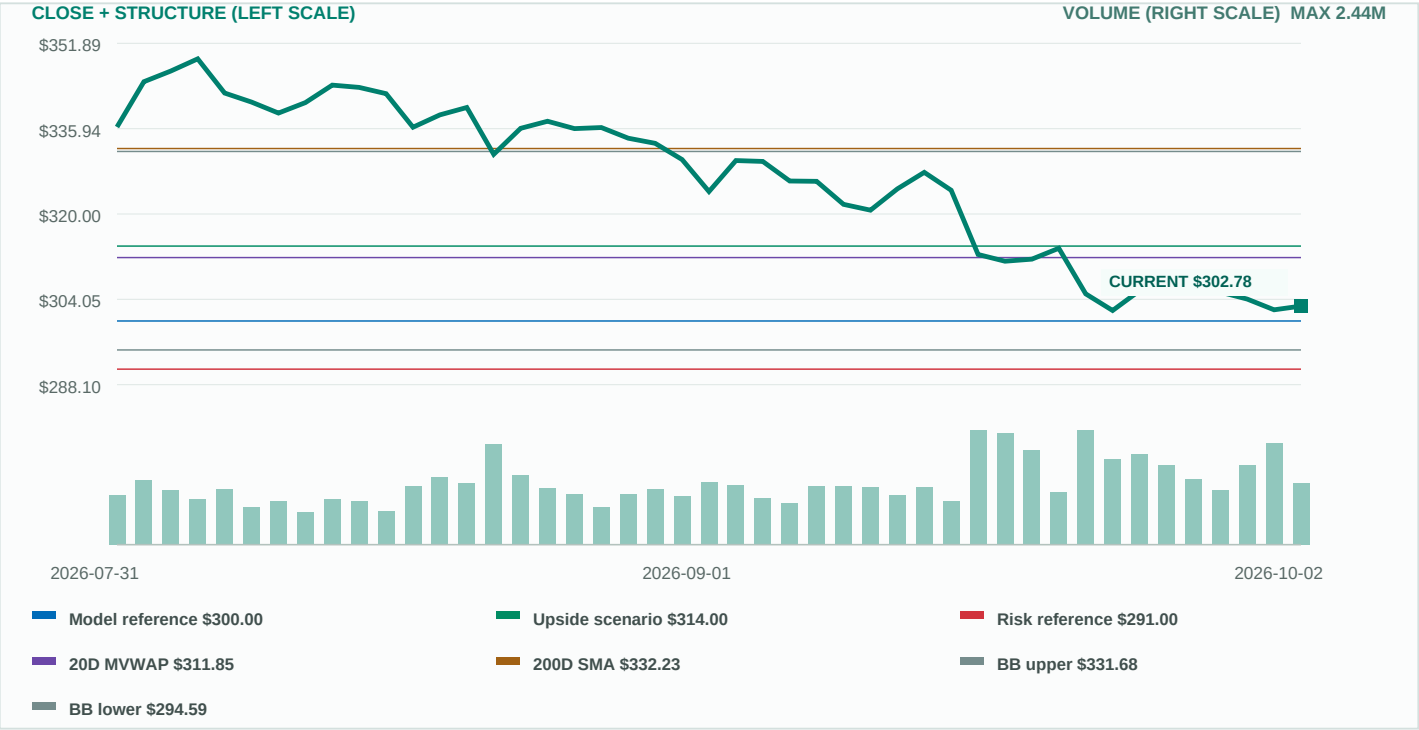
Risk watch

Earnings risk: The Q3 report could significantly impact the stock price, with both positive and negative surprises possible. | Macroeconomic uncertainty: Rising interest rates and concerns about a potential recession could weigh on AXP's performance.



Enhanced price structure

45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands

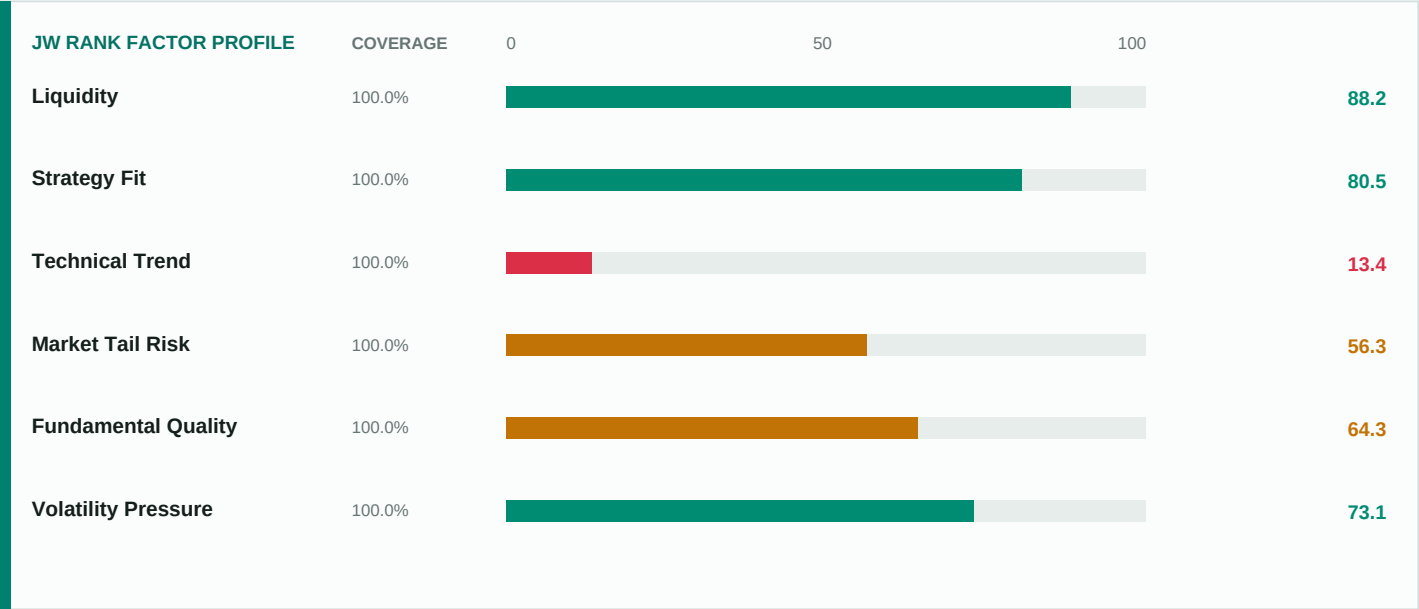


45 complete trading-session observations



JW Rank factors

Score, source coverage and interpretation for each decision factor



Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum

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Institutional flow

Below MVWAP

Structure

Below 200D trend

Volatility

low



Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	STRONG BEAR neutral MACD accelerating
Trend signal	STRONG BEAR
RSI signal	neutral
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	31.10 / 32.79 / 35.77
RSI velocity	-0.46
MACD line / signal / histogram	-7.57 / - / -7.27
MACD acceleration	0.02
Stochastic K / D	16.40 / 17.30

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Below institutional MVWAP Distribution bias
Institutional flow	-1.19
20-day MVWAP	\$311.85
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	-2.85%
Daily reference VWAP	\$302.20
Price vs daily reference	+0.25%
Volume	1.30M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Below 200-day trend Negative macro velocity
Macro velocity	-1.25
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$313.13 / \$332.23
Bollinger range	\$294.59 - \$331.68
Bollinger position	0.221



Options and volatility intelligence

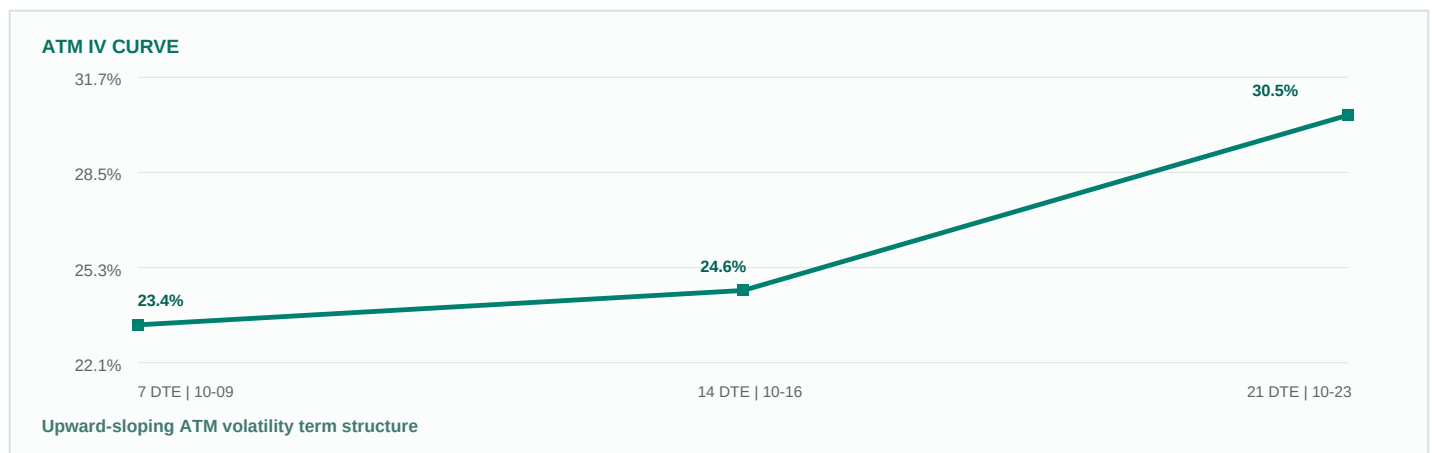
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank 40 / 100	IV percentile 55 / 100	VVIX 88.65	SKEW 142.77
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Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	contango
Term slope	+7.07 pts
Skew read	balanced
Liquidity / quote coverage	95.2%
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 2:52 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 88.9%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

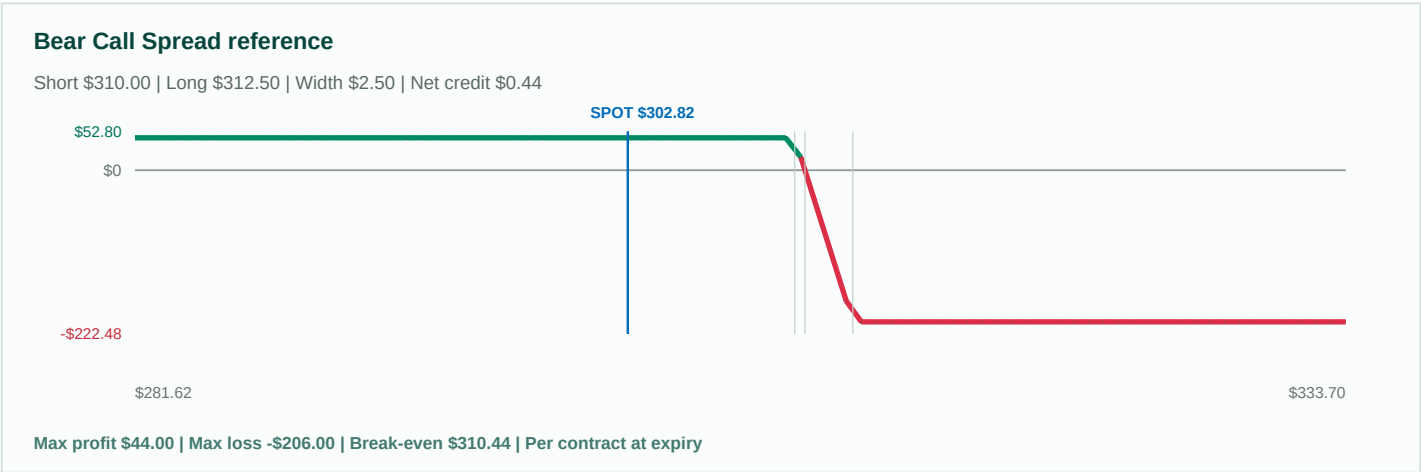
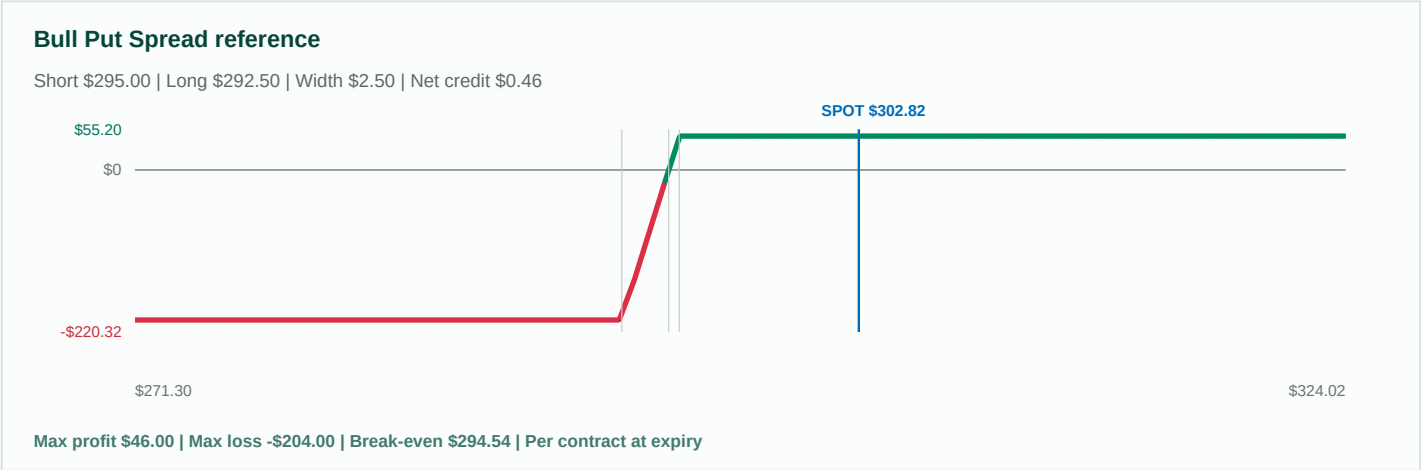


EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-09	7	23.4%	-
2026-10-16	14	24.6%	-
2026-10-23	21	30.5%	-



Reference spread payoff

Illustrative expiry profit/loss per one-lot structure, including quoted net credit



Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	2026-10-23
Earnings IV-crush risk	unknown
VIX	15.56
VVIX	88.65
SKEW index	142.77
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	124



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	118

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Options context

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Wheel context

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

Earnings risk: The Q3 report could significantly impact the stock price, with both positive and negative surprises possible. | Macroeconomic uncertainty: Rising interest rates and concerns about a potential recession could weigh on AXP's performance.



Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$204.00B	17.63
ROE	Revenue growth
34.1%	12.6%
EPS growth	Operating margin
15.9%	18.2%
Net profit margin	Gross margin
14.1%	-
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
31.2%	6.28
Dividend yield	Beta
1.5%	1.12
52-week range	
\$290.97 - \$387.49	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
American Express Co	NYSE
Industry	Country
Financial Services	US
Currency	IPO date
USD	1977-05-18
Shares outstanding	52-week return
675.31M	-10.8%
Book value per share	Revenue per share
\$50.79	\$119.63
Website	americanexpress.com



Latest strategy observation

Most recent shared general market signal available when this report was generated

AXP Covered Call signal	Sep 30, 2026 11:19 AM EDT
Covered Call 2026-10-02	
At signal \$306.90 Current \$302.96	
SHORT Option \$302.50 B \$5.40 / A \$6.05	
High turnover CR \$5.73	



Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$5.81
ATR as % of price	1.9%
Volatility environment	low
Current IV	29.4%
IV rank	40 / 100
IV percentile	55 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 3:50 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	54 / 100
Trend health	25 / 100
Momentum health	60 / 100
Volatility health	81 / 100
Structure health	72 / 100
Earnings risk / date	medium 2026-10-23
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	low
Structure risk	low

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$313.13 / \$327.45 / \$332.23
EMA (9 / 21)	\$306.03 / \$312.93
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$331.68 / \$313.13 / \$294.59



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.221
True high / low	\$304.00 / \$299.83
5-day true high / low	\$308.89 / \$297.20

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-1.250	-
SMA50	-0.876	-
MVWAP20	-1.193	-
MACD	0.018	-
RSI	-0.464	-
Volume	44355.000	-
ATR	-0.051	-
T1	-	-7.67 / 312.86 / 305.00 / 297.20
T2	-	-7.61 / 314.37 / 307.19 / 303.61
T3	-	-7.63 / 315.43 / 307.18 / 303.97



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$302.82
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 2:52 PM EDT
Options data coverage	88.9%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-09 7 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	23.4%
25-delta skew	1.22
Put / Call 25-delta	\$295.00 Delta -0.239 / \$310.00 Delta 0.238
Median option bid/ask spread	13.5%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	124 / 118

Price context

Last Price: 302.82 | Bid: 302.79 | Ask: 302.89 | Previous Close: 302.09 | Change: 0.73 | Daily change: 0.24% | Update Time: 2026-10-02T14:52:14.865671-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-02 | Latest History Price: 302.79

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-10 | Latest Date: 2026-10-02 | Latest Price: 302.79 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -16.49%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 29.53% | Iv Rank: 40.43 | Iv Percentile: 54.58 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-23 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-10-08



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