



American Express Co / AXP

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$308.50	+0.40 +0.13%	-/-	\$308.10

Market	NYSE
Industry	Financial Services
Market data as of	Oct 9, 2026 11:30 PM EDT

JW Intelligence Report

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
58.9 / 100	Balanced	high	56 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$303.50	\$318.50	\$296.00	78 / 100

Options stance	neutral
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 9, 2026 7:51 PM EDT

Key insight

AXP Option Market Implies Balanced Sentiment Ahead of Earnings

Market read

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Strategy context

The current option pricing suggests a balanced outlook for AXP, with both bullish and bearish possibilities on the table. The elevated implied volatility ahead of earnings indicates that the market is anticipating potential price swings.



JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	Mixed
AI analysis updated	Oct 9, 2026 2:15 PM EDT

Short-term scenario

High-uncertainty tactical long only, sized small. Prefer a pullback entry near support rather than chasing the bounce. The Oct 23 earnings print and residual AML-headline risk can gap the stock through either target or stop. A daily close below support invalidates the idea. This is not a high-conviction call.

Three-month outlook

Base case is a modest recovery into the mid-\$330s to low-\$360s if the Oct 23 report and full-year guidance hold and credit costs stay contained, which would still leave the stock below many published targets after a weak 2026. Downside case is a retest of the high-\$280s to low-\$290s if spending slows, provisions rise, or remediation proves costlier or more reputationally damaging than management has indicated. Uncertainty is elevated: consent orders require a rebuilt compliance program and a lookback, premium-card competition is a live concern, recent analyst target cuts show fading optimism, and price remains under major moving averages. Outcomes depend heavily on the earnings print and subsequent credit data; consensus upside is not a forecast.

Market sentiment

Recent X sentiment is thin, low-engagement, and mixed rather than a clear crowd consensus. Some holders say they are buying major support and will add only if support breaks, treating Oct 23 as a level trade rather than an earnings bet. Others noted the \$350 million penalty with guidance unchanged and a prior bounce zone near \$297–\$318. A few accounts are accumulating for the long term. Promotional and spam posts are mixed in. There is no high-conviction bullish or bearish wave in the posts reviewed.

Supporting evidence

Implied volatility for AXP's October 23rd expiration is significantly higher than its average implied volatility, indicating heightened market uncertainty surrounding the upcoming earnings release. | The term structure of AXP options is in contango, with longer-dated options priced at a premium to shorter-dated options. This suggests that the market expects potential volatility in the future. | Recent analyst target cuts and news regarding regulatory fines have contributed to a mixed sentiment surrounding AXP.

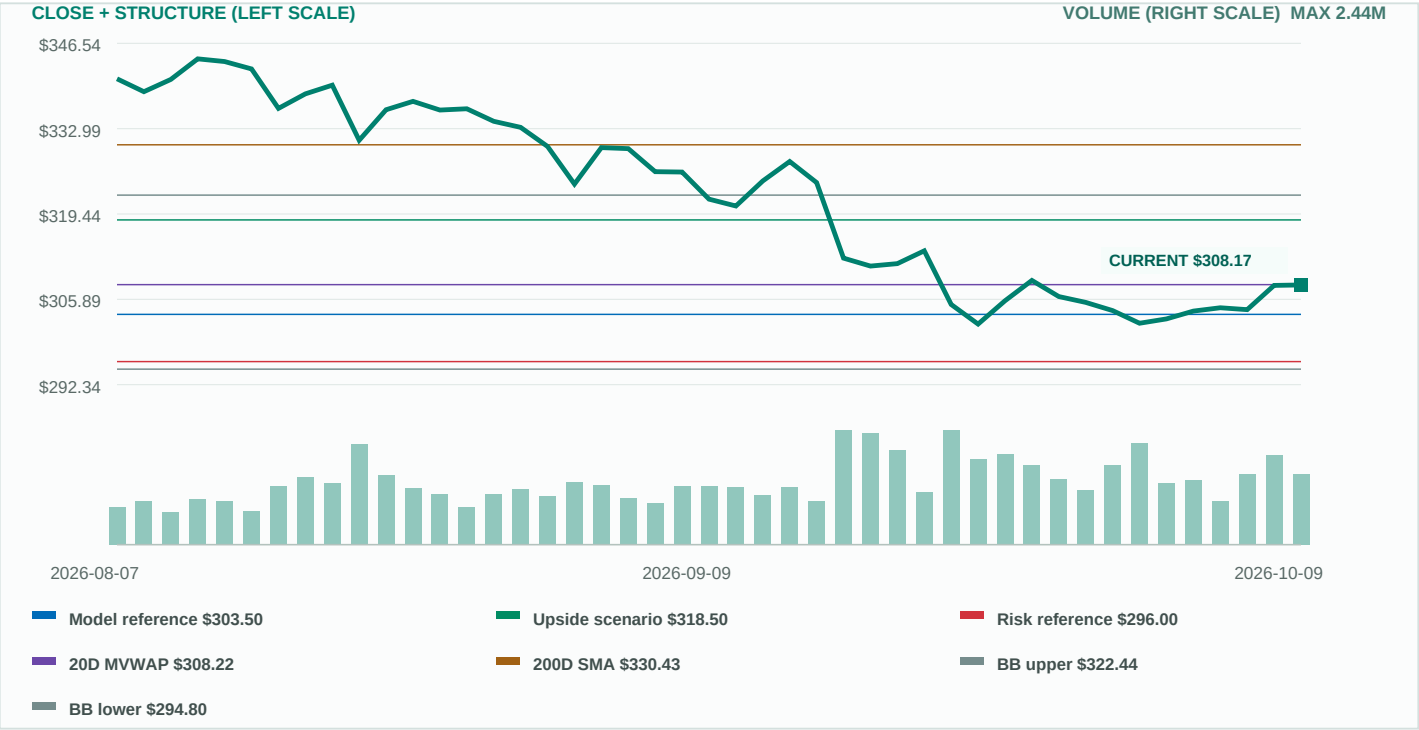
Risk watch

Earnings risk: A negative earnings surprise could lead to a significant decline in AXP's share price.



Enhanced price structure

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

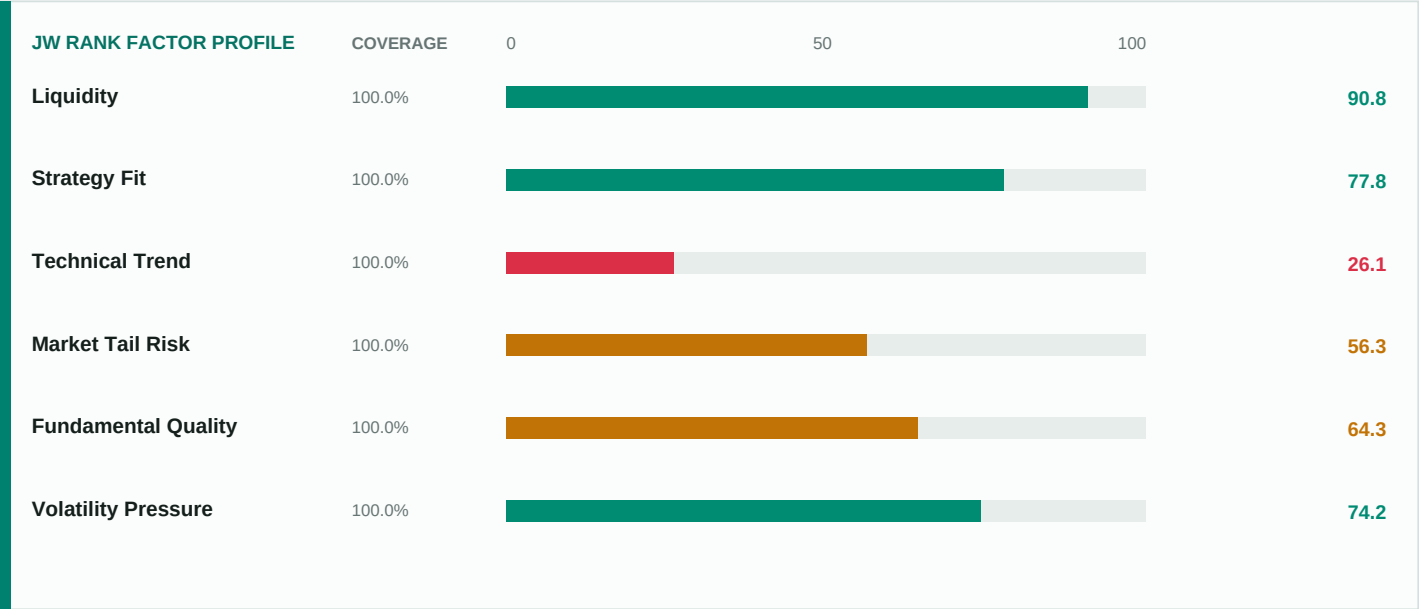


45 complete trading-session observations



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

Above 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)	54.47 / 42.59 / 41.48
RSI velocity	2.24
MACD line / signal / histogram	-5.47 / - / -6.61
MACD acceleration	0.50
Stochastic K / D	49.33 / 42.04

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Distribution bias
Institutional flow	-0.70
20-day MVWAP	\$308.22
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+0.09%
Daily reference VWAP	\$306.41
Price vs daily reference	+0.68%
Volume	1.51M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Below 200-day trend Negative macro velocity
Macro velocity	-0.78
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$308.62 / \$330.43
Bollinger range	\$294.80 - \$322.44
Bollinger position	0.484



Options and volatility intelligence

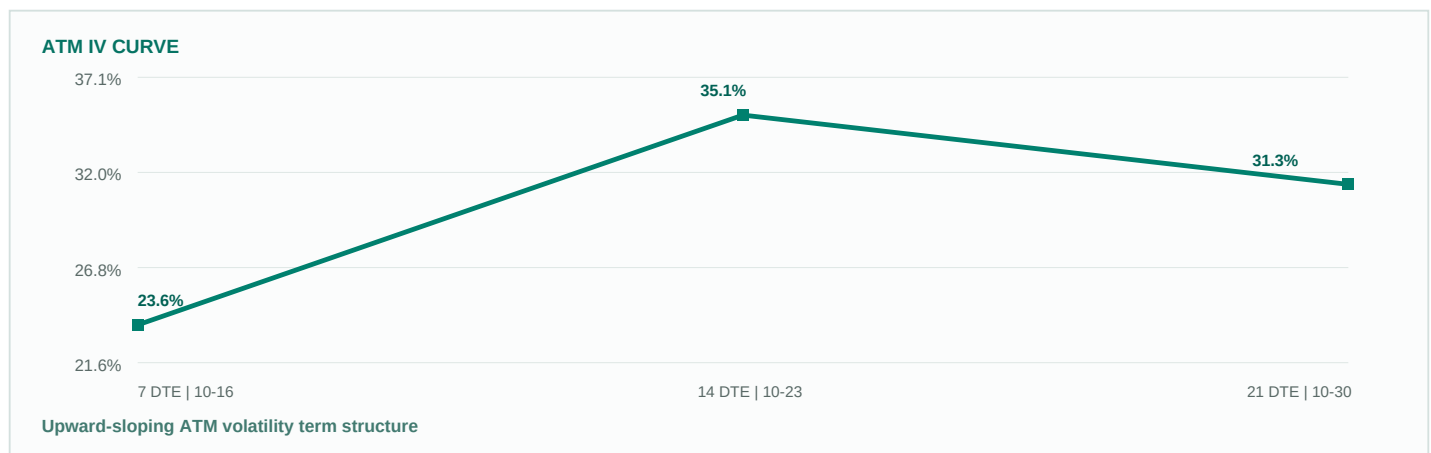
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank 42 / 100	IV percentile 60 / 100	VVIX 86.15	SKEW 149.19
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Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	contango
Term slope	+7.67 pts
Skew read	balanced
Liquidity / quote coverage	97.5%
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 9, 2026 2:52 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 100.0%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-16	7	23.6%	-
2026-10-23	14	35.1%	-
2026-10-30	21	31.3%	-

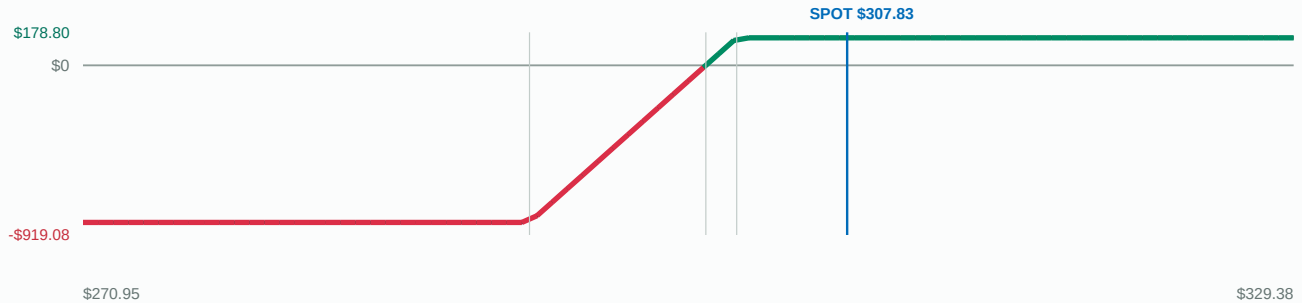


Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

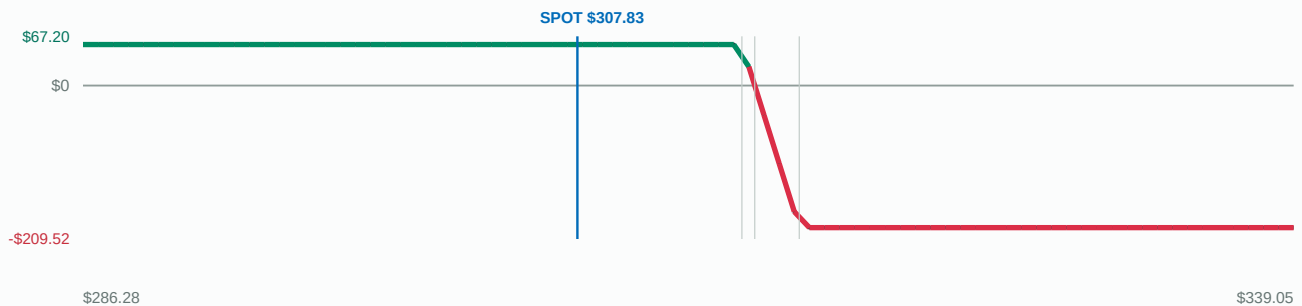
Short \$302.50 | Long \$292.50 | Width \$10.00 | Net credit \$1.49



Max profit \$149.00 | Max loss -\$851.00 | Break-even \$301.01 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$315.00 | Long \$317.50 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.56



Max profit \$56.00 | Max loss -\$194.00 | Break-even \$315.56 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	2026-10-23
Earnings IV-crush risk	elevated
Event IV premium	3.78
VIX	14.87
VVIX	86.15
SKEW index	149.19
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts observed	121
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: A negative earnings surprise could lead to a significant decline in AXP's share price.



Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$208.06B	17.78
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%	1.10
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	-8.3%
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	Oct 9, 2026 10:48 AM EDT
Covered Call 2026-10-16	
At signal \$306.01 Current \$308.50	
SHORT Option \$312.50 B \$1.67 / A \$1.93	
Conservative CR \$1.80	



Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$5.69
ATR as % of price	1.9%
Volatility environment	low
Current IV	29.5%
IV rank	40 / 100
IV percentile	56 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 9, 2026 3:50 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	64 / 100
Trend health	25 / 100
Momentum health	78 / 100
Volatility health	82 / 100
Structure health	98 / 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)	\$308.62 / \$324.69 / \$330.43
EMA (9 / 21)	\$306.25 / \$310.32
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$322.44 / \$308.62 / \$294.80



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.484
True high / low	\$308.79 / \$302.26
5-day true high / low	\$308.79 / \$299.36

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.778	-
SMA50	-0.568	-
MVWAP20	-0.696	-
MACD	0.503	-
RSI	2.241	-
Volume	193329.670	-
ATR	0.066	-
T1	-	-6.04 / 308.82 / 308.10 / 300.47
T2	-	-6.67 / 309.46 / 304.55 / 299.36
T3	-	-6.98 / 310.30 / 307.30 / 303.74



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$307.83
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 9, 2026 2:52 PM EDT
Options data coverage	100.0%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-16 7 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	23.6%
25-delta skew	0.02
Put / Call 25-delta	\$302.50 / \$315.00 Delta 0.256
Median option bid/ask spread	12.2%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	121 / 118

Price context

Last Price: 307.83 | Bid: 307.82 | Ask: 307.94 | Previous Close: 308.10 | Change: -0.27 | Daily change: -0.09% | Update Time: 2026-10-09T14:52:37.777683-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-09 | Latest History Price: 307.86

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-17 | Latest Date: 2026-10-09 | Latest Price: 307.86 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -15.02%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 29.84% | Iv Rank: 41.84 | Iv Percentile: 60.16 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-23 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-10-08



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