



American Express Co / AXP

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$312.24	+4.07 +1.32%	\$311.80/\$313.85	\$308.17

Market	NYSE
Industry	Financial Services
Market data as of	Oct 12, 2026 11:30 PM EDT

JW Intelligence Report

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
56.8 / 100	Balanced	high	56 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$308.00	\$326.00	\$298.00	68 / 100

Options stance	neutral
Tail-risk safety	32 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 12, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

AXP Option Market Implies Elevated Event Risk Ahead of Earnings

Market read

The AXP option market reflects uncertainty surrounding upcoming earnings and regulatory scrutiny. While implied volatility is elevated, the term structure shows a slight contango, suggesting some expectation for post-earnings volatility to subside. The skew is balanced, indicating no strong directional bias from options pricing alone. However, recent news regarding regulatory fines and analyst target reductions contribute to a cautious market sentiment.

Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	Mixed
AI analysis updated	Oct 12, 2026 2:30 PM EDT

Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical bias only; high event risk into Oct 23 earnings. Prefer waiting for a dip toward support rather than chasing the intraday bounce. Not a high-conviction directional recommendation; position size should reflect binary earnings and regulatory uncertainty.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive but uncertain. If Q3 card spending, fee growth, and credit metrics support the company's raised roughly 10% full-year revenue-growth outlook, the premium franchise and a forward multiple in the mid-teens could allow a recovery toward the \$320-\$360 area over three months, consistent with some remaining analyst targets. Offsetting risks include the still-intact longer-term technical downtrend, recent target cuts, competition, macro/credit sensitivity, and ongoing AML remediation (even if guidance was said to be unaffected). A miss or softer outlook could retest the low-\$290s. This is a scenario assessment, not a guaranteed forecast; outcomes depend heavily on the Oct 23 report and subsequent guidance.

Market sentiment

Organic investor discussion on X is thin and mixed-to-cautious. Much recent volume is promotional or low-signal. More substantive posts note the stock's proximity to its 52-week low, a mid-teens forward multiple, recent analyst target reductions, and selective interest into the Oct 23 earnings report, with some investors preferring a further pullback before buying. Overall social sentiment reads neutral/cautious rather than strongly bullish or bearish. Sentiment samples are incomplete and can change rapidly.

Supporting evidence

Elevated implied volatility (IV) of 29.53% suggests heightened expectations for price movement around earnings. | The term structure shows a slight contango, with IV increasing as expiration dates lengthen, implying potential for post-earnings volatility to decrease. | Balanced delta skew indicates no strong bullish or bearish sentiment from options pricing alone.

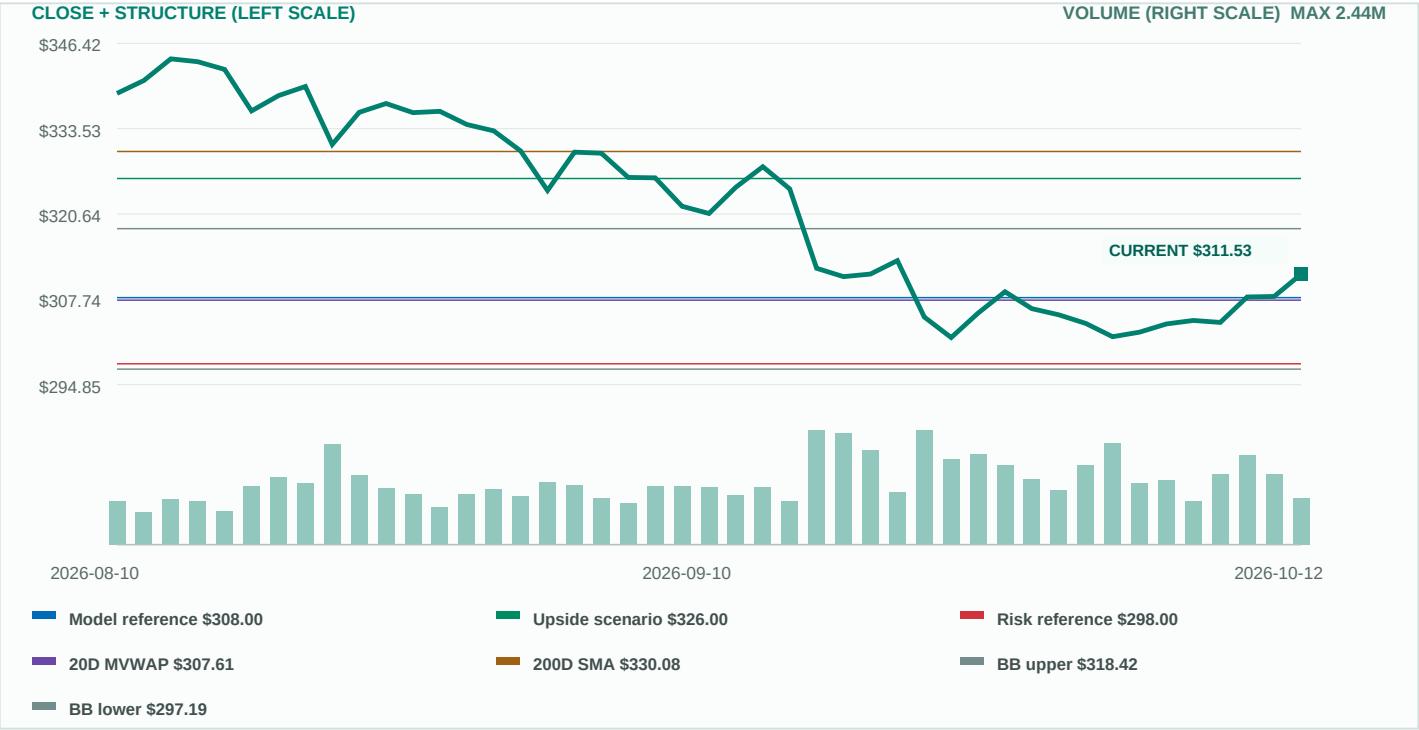
Risk watch

Regulatory fines and ongoing remediation efforts pose a risk to AXP's reputation and future profitability.



Enhanced price structure

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

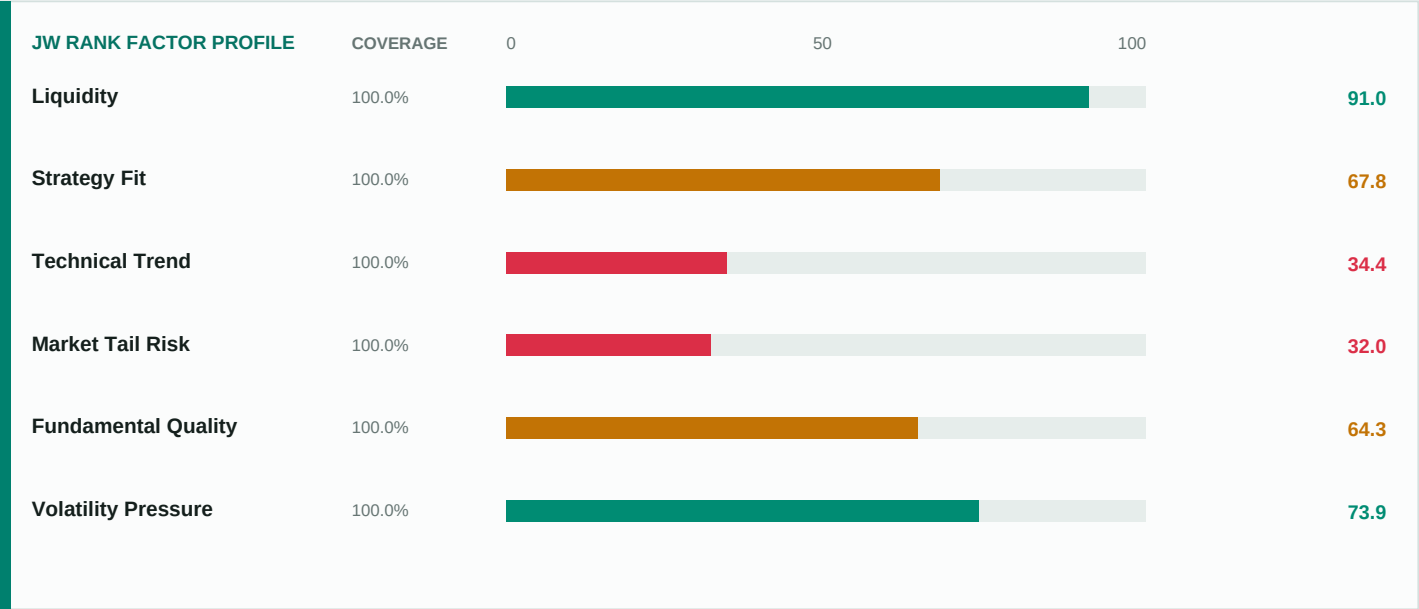


45 complete trading-session observations



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)	65.27 / 48.20 / 44.89
RSI velocity	4.22
MACD line / signal / histogram	-4.70 / - / -6.23
MACD acceleration	0.66
Stochastic K / D	67.24 / 53.24

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Distribution bias
Institutional flow	-0.62
20-day MVWAP	\$307.61
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+1.51%
Daily reference VWAP	\$310.95
Price vs daily reference	+0.41%
Volume	991.31K

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Below 200-day trend Negative macro velocity
Macro velocity	-0.76
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$307.80 / \$330.08
Bollinger range	\$297.19 - \$318.42
Bollinger position	0.676



Options and volatility intelligence

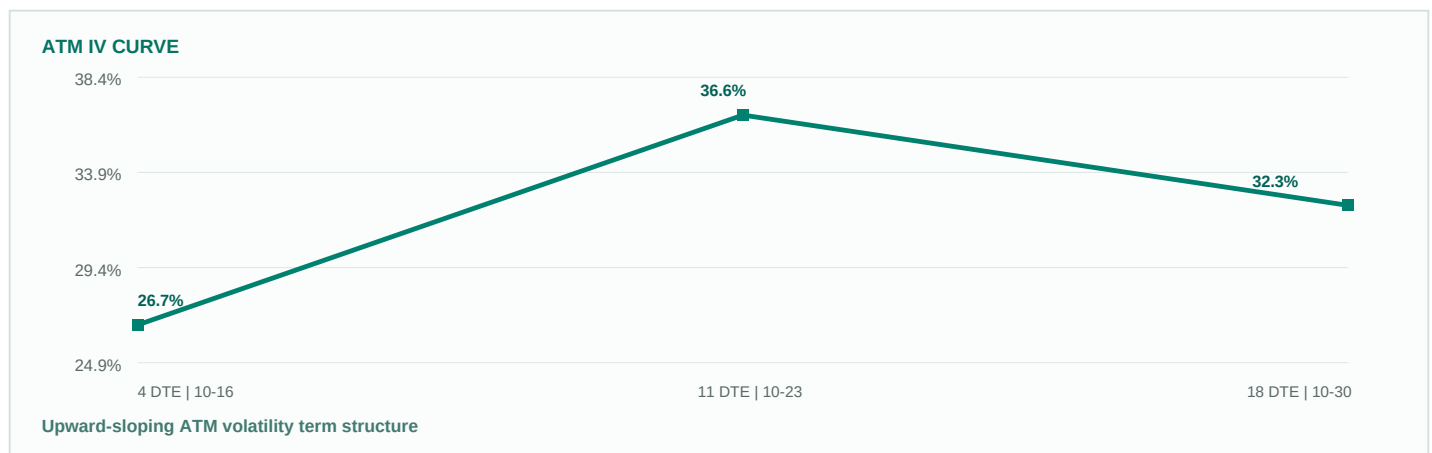
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank 40 / 100	IV percentile 56 / 100	VVIX 86.99	SKEW 154.34
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Market regime	DANGER ZONE
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	contango
Term slope	+5.65 pts
Skew read	balanced
Liquidity / quote coverage	95.9%
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 12, 2026 2:51 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	4	26.7%	-
2026-10-23	11	36.6%	-
2026-10-30	18	32.3%	-

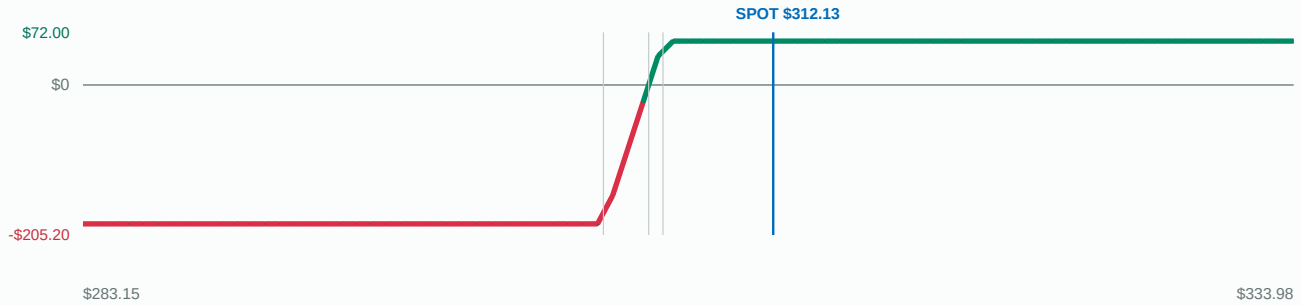


Reference spread payoff

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

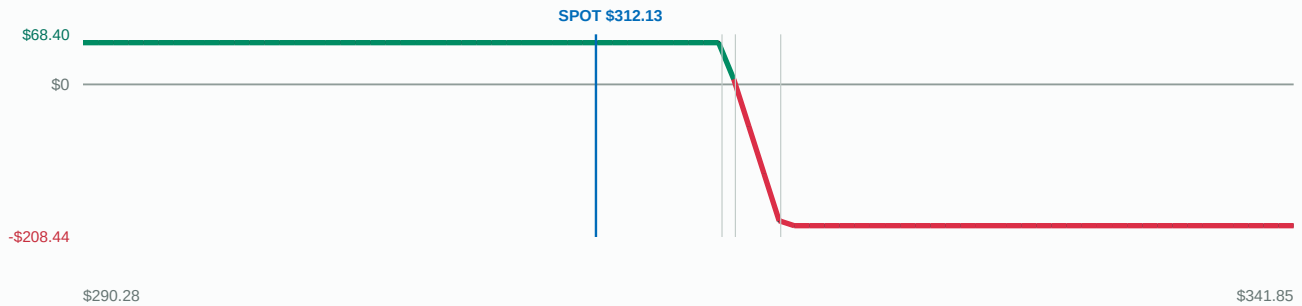
Bull Put Spread reference

Short \$307.50 | Long \$305.00 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.60



Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$317.50 | Long \$320.00 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.57



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	4.27
VIX	15.25
VVIX	86.99
SKEW index	154.34
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts observed	146
Contracts with quotes	140

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Options context

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$208.11B	18.18
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	-5.0%
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 12, 2026 9:40 AM EDT
Covered Call 2026-10-16	
At signal \$309.75 Current \$312.24	
SHORT Option \$295.00 B \$14.20 / A \$16.35	
Conservative CR \$15.28	



Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$5.64
ATR as % of price	1.8%
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 12, 2026 7:30 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	64 / 100
Trend health	25 / 100
Momentum health	88 / 100
Volatility health	83 / 100
Structure health	82 / 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)	\$307.80 / \$324.20 / \$330.08
EMA (9 / 21)	\$307.30 / \$310.43
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$318.42 / \$307.80 / \$297.19



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.676
True high / low	\$313.16 / \$308.16
5-day true high / low	\$313.16 / \$299.36

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.756	-
SMA50	-0.517	-
MVWAP20	-0.617	-
MACD	0.657	-
RSI	4.216	-
Volume	-168907.000	-
ATR	0.057	-
T1	-	-5.47 / 308.22 / 308.79 / 302.26
T2	-	-6.04 / 308.82 / 308.10 / 300.47
T3	-	-6.67 / 309.46 / 304.55 / 299.36



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$312.13
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 12, 2026 2:51 PM EDT
Options data coverage	100.0%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-16 4 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	26.7%
25-delta skew	0.11
Put / Call 25-delta	\$307.50 Delta -0.289 / \$317.50 Delta 0.280
Median option bid/ask spread	10.8%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	146 / 140

Price context

Last Price: 312.13 | Bid: 312.09 | Ask: 312.16 | Previous Close: 308.18 | Change: 3.95 | Daily change: 1.28% | Update Time: 2026-10-12T14:51:49.314830-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-12 | Latest History Price: 312.18

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-20 | Latest Date: 2026-10-12 | Latest Price: 312.18 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -14.20%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 29.53% | Iv Rank: 40.43 | Iv Percentile: 56.18 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-23 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-10-08



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