UnitedHealth Group Inc / UNH

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$399.59	**+2.45 +0.62%**	**$399.10/$401.03**	**$397.14**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Health Care**
Market data as of	**Sep 8, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
59.0 / 100	**Balanced**	**high**	**39 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$400.00	**$420.00**	**$390.00**	**70 / 100**

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**32 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 8, 2026 7:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

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Market read

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Strategy context

The market is pricing in potential upside, with call options showing higher implied volatility than put options. This suggests a belief that UNH's price will rise.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Mixed**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 8, 2026 1:33 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious long/hold on confirmation of bounce; high uncertainty from cost trends, policy, and Oct 27 earnings.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive with potential for $430-450 if medical utilization and cost controls continue to improve, supported by analyst targets around $475 and AI/operational initiatives. However, substantial uncertainty remains around sustained medical cost inflation (GLP-1s, disputes), regulatory/Medicare reimbursement risks, membership mix, and Q3 results. Volatility likely with possible 10-15% swings in either direction.

Market sentiment

Short-term trader sentiment recently constructive with notes of bullish engulfing candle, whale/dark pool buying, and call options flow targeting ~420. Longer-term investor posts highlight undervaluation (e.g., DCF estimates around $575) and recovery potential, though some older posts from 2025 reflected extreme pessimism during the prior drawdown. Overall mixed but with recent positive flow.

Supporting evidence

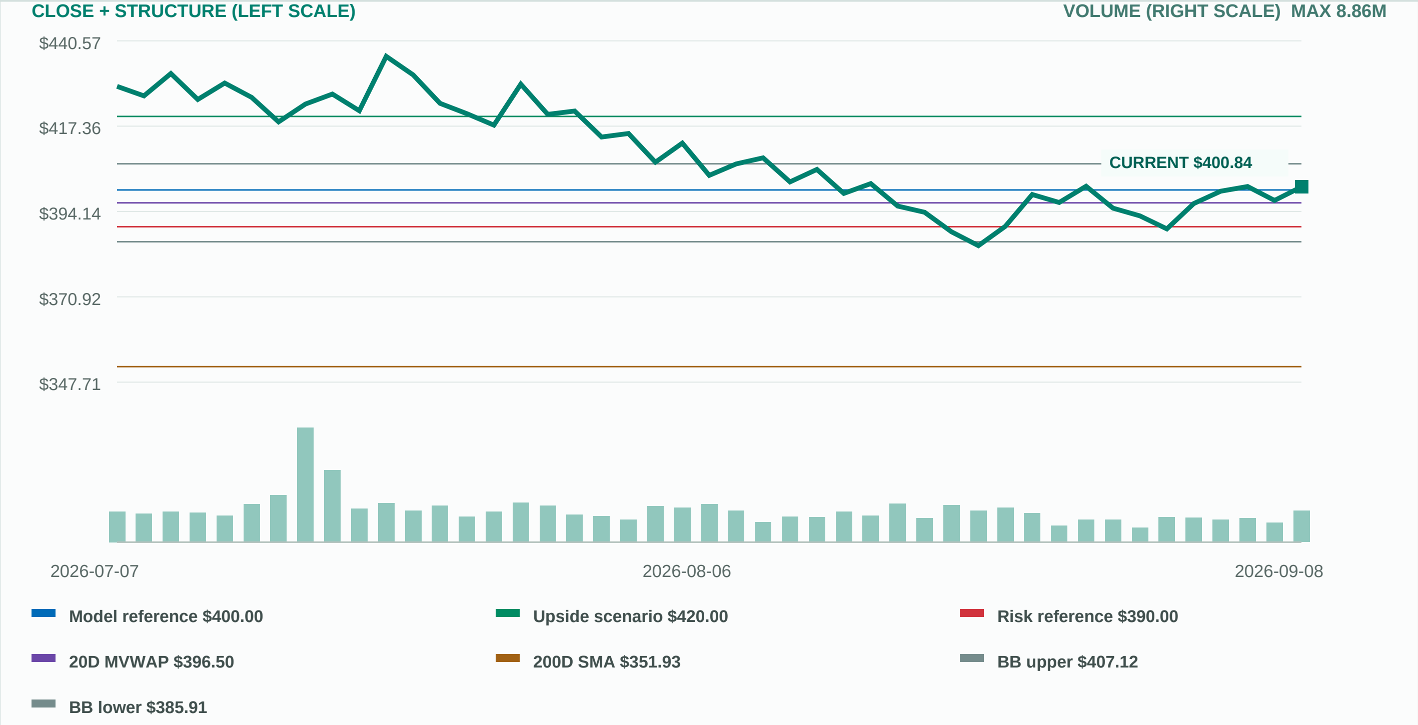
Implied volatility of 30.99% suggests expectation of significant price movement. | The term structure is backwardated with a slope of -15.96 points, indicating higher implied volatility for near-term expirations compared to longer-term ones. | Recent earnings beat expectations and full-year guidance was raised. | UnitedHealthcare announced the removal of prior authorization requirements for ~30% of services effective October 1st.

Risk watch

Lingering concerns over medical cost trends and GLP-1 drug coverage could impact future 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

JW RANK FACTOR PROFILE	COVERAGE	0 – 50 – 100
Liquidity	100.0%	89.8
Strategy Fit	100.0%	70.1
Technical Trend	100.0%	62.5
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	32.0
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	32.0
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	58.9

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
bullish_recovery	**Above MVWAP**	**Above 200D trend**	**medium**

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	**BULLISH RECOVERY | neutral | MACD accelerating**
Trend signal	**BULLISH RECOVERY**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**56.29 / 49.96 / 49.31**
RSI velocity	**0.40**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-2.95 / - / -4.31**
MACD acceleration	**0.51**
Stochastic K / D	**70.52 / 68.65**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.50**
20-day MVWAP	**$396.50**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+0.78%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$398.39**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.30%**
Volume	**2.43M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.35**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$396.52 / $351.93**
Bollinger range	**$385.91 - $407.12**
Bollinger position	**0.704**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

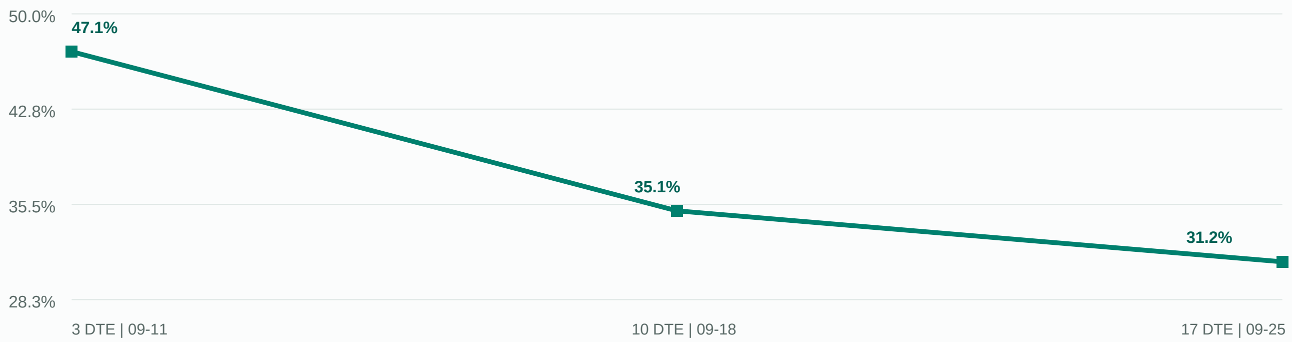
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
21 / 100	**41 / 100**	**87.47**	**151.58**

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-15.96 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 8, 2026 2:31 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

ATM IV CURVE



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

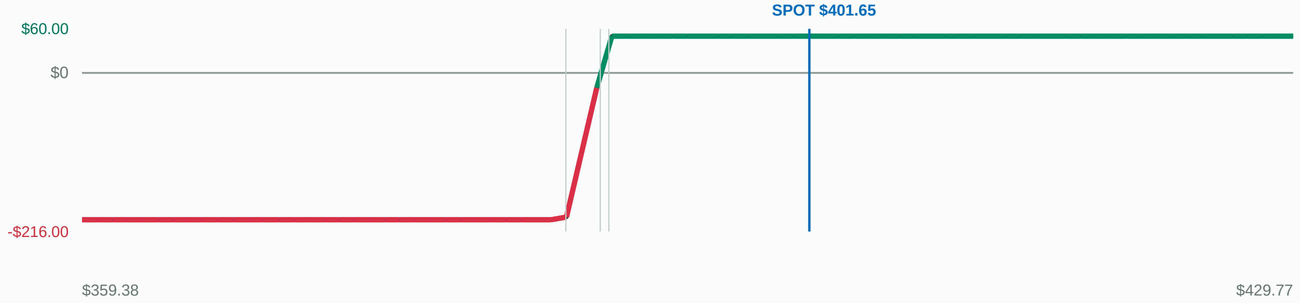
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-11	3	47.1%	-
2026-09-18	10	35.1%	-
2026-09-25	17	31.2%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

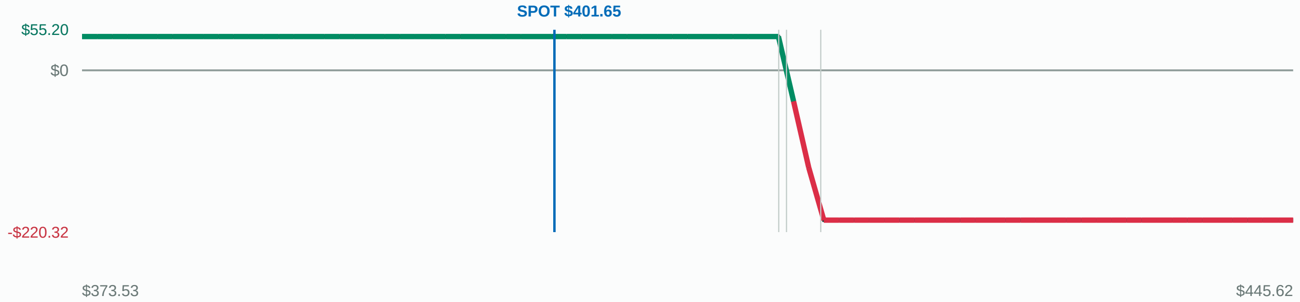
Short $390.00 | Long $387.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.50



Max profit $50.00 | Max loss -$200.00 | Break-even $389.50 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $415.00 | Long $417.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.46



Max profit $46.00 | Max loss -$204.00 | Break-even $415.46 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-27**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**15.29**
VVIX	**87.47**
SKEW index	**151.58**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**116**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**116**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Principal risks to monitor

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$356.47B**	P/E (TTM) **25.16**
ROE **14.4%**	Revenue growth **11.4%**
EPS growth **-14.5%**	Operating margin **4.7%**
Net profit margin **3.1%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **-4.8%**	Debt / equity **0.83**
Dividend yield **1.4%**	Beta **0.53**
52-week range **$255.97 - $461.62**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **UnitedHealth Group Inc**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Health Care**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1984-10-17**
Shares outstanding **908.14M**	52-week return **25.9%**
Book value per share **$115.08**	Revenue per share **$496.83**

Website	**unitedhealthgroup.com**

Latest strategy observation

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

UNH Covered Call signal

Sep 8, 2026 9:38 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-11

At signal $394.79 | Current $399.59

SHORT **Option $392.50 B $6.45 / A $7.45**

High turnover | CR $6.95

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$8.99**
ATR as % of price	**2.2%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**30.9%**
IV rank	**21 / 100**
IV percentile	**39 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 8, 2026 3:50 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**81 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**91 / 100**
Volatility health	**76 / 100**
Structure health	**80 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-27**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$396.52 / $411.20 / $351.93**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$397.72 / $399.53**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$407.12 / $396.52 / $385.91**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.704**
True high / low	**$403.89 / $390.44**
5-day true high / low	**$405.16 / $389.41**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.348	-
SMA50	-0.335	-
MVWAP20	-0.503	-
MACD	0.505	-
RSI	0.397	-
Volume	233829.000	-
ATR	0.101	-
T1	-	**-3.50 / 396.91 / 402.23 / 395.20**
T2	-	**-3.78 / 397.41 / 405.16 / 395.30**
T3	-	**-4.46 / 398.01 / 401.14 / 396.30**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$401.65**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 8, 2026 2:31 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-11 | 3 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**47.1%**
25-delta skew	**2.92**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$390.00 Delta -0.249 / $415.00 Delta 0.229**
Median option bid/ask spread	**11.6%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**116 / 116**

Price context

Last Price: 401.65 | Bid: 401.49 | Ask: 401.71 | Previous Close: 397.14 | Change: 4.51 | Daily change: 1.14% | Update Time: 2026-09-08T14:31:40.155999-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-08 | Latest History Price: 401.31

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-12 | Latest Date: 2026-09-08 | Latest Price: 401.31 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -11.80%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 30.99% | Iv Rank: 21.28 | Iv Percentile: 40.64 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-09-13

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Scope, limitations, risk and permitted interpretation

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