UnitedHealth Group Inc / UNH

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$389.30	**-3.76 -0.96%**	**-/-**	**$393.06**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Health Care**
Market data as of	**Sep 10, 2026 11:33 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
59.1 / 100	**Balanced**	**high**	**39 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$385.00	**$410.00**	**$370.00**	**76 / 100**

Options stance	**neutral**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 10, 2026 7:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

UNH Option Market Implies Mixed Sentiment

Market read

The UNH option market displays a neutral stance, reflecting mixed signals from recent news and technicals. While implied volatility is elevated, the term structure suggests backwardation, indicating potential for near-term price stability. The put skew is slightly elevated, suggesting some bearish sentiment, but call options are also actively traded.

Strategy context

UNH options are actively traded across various expirations, suggesting ongoing market interest and potential for hedging or speculative strategies.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Mixed**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 10, 2026 1:33 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious/neutral: wait for dip toward support or hold existing; mixed technicals and TPG news create near-term pressure despite turnaround. High uncertainty from execution, costs, and sector news. 1-3 week bounce possible if support holds.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive if cost controls and Optum/Medicare improvements sustain, potentially toward $420-450 (analyst targets, MAs). Supported by raised 2026 guidance, buybacks, dividend. Key catalyst: Oct 27 earnings. Risks/uncertainty high: medical cost trends, membership declines, regulatory (Medicare/Medicaid), commercial margins taking longer to recover, and recent partnership news. Recovery already priced in after ~21% YTD gain; not a high-conviction short-term mover.

Market sentiment

Mixed/cautious after TPG news. Some see sell-off as overreaction/not thesis-breaking, noting midday recovery and scooping shares; technicals mention pivot, steam picking up, or further fill to 369-372. Older posts (2025) more bullish on undervaluation/recovery. Criticism of company practices (claims, denials) from some users. Overall opportunistic on dip for bulls, but not strongly positive recently.

Supporting evidence

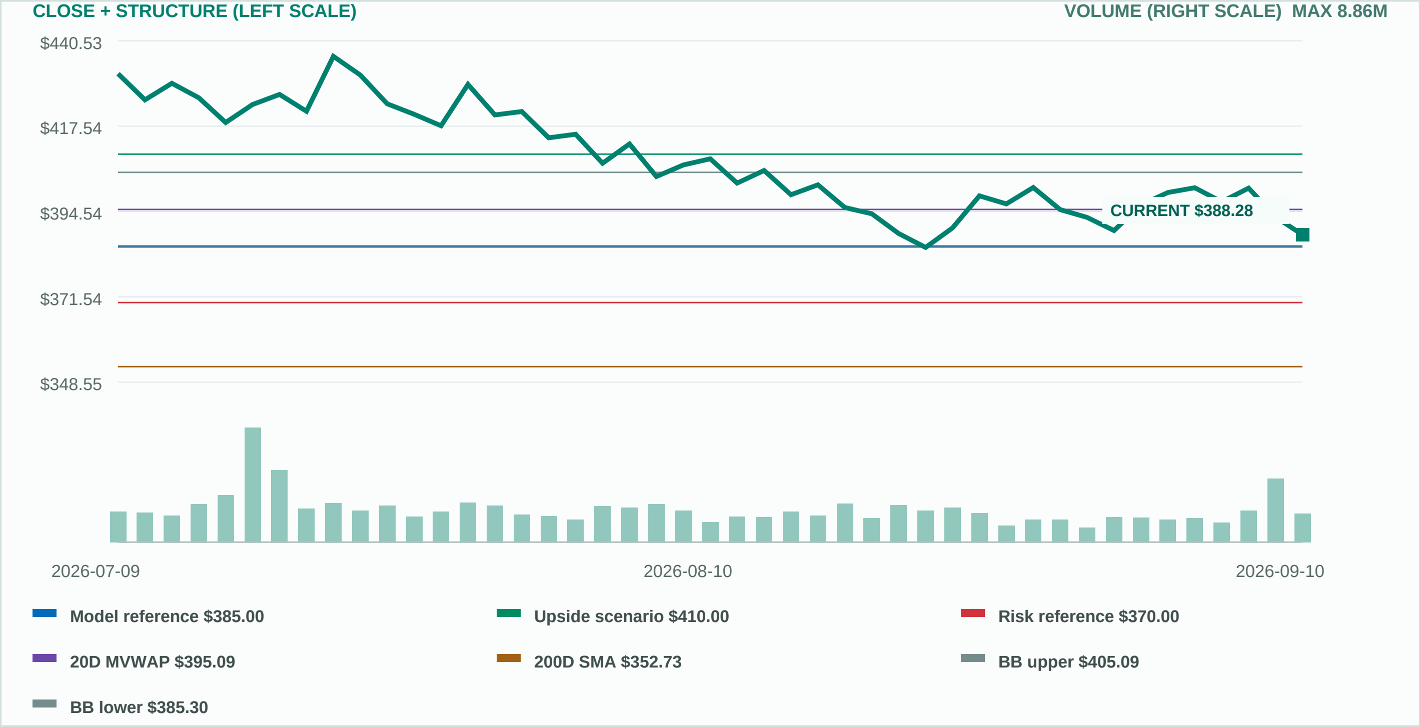
The UNH option market shows a slight put skew, with put 25 delta IV at 30.36% and call 25 delta IV at 33.47%. | Implied volatility is elevated at 30.4%, suggesting uncertainty surrounding the stock's future direction. | The term structure of UNH options exhibits backwardation, with near-term IV exceeding farther-dated IV, potentially indicating a belief in near-term stability.

Risk watch

Recent news regarding the sale of Optum Health Florida clinics to TPG may create short-term volatility. | Earnings season is approaching, with the next report due on October 27th, which could trigger significant price swings.

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%	93.2
Strategy Fit	100.0%	76.4
Technical Trend	100.0%	47.0
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	56.3
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	32.0
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	58.5

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
bullish_recovery	**Below 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 decelerating**
Trend signal	**BULLISH RECOVERY**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**36.10 / 40.81 / 43.39**
RSI velocity	**-1.99**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-3.57 / - / -3.97**
MACD acceleration	**-0.02**
Stochastic K / D	**54.79 / 62.65**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.60**
20-day MVWAP	**$395.09**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-1.47%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$391.72**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.62%**
Volume	**2.22M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.57**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$395.20 / $352.73**
Bollinger range	**$385.30 - $405.09**
Bollinger position	**0.151**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

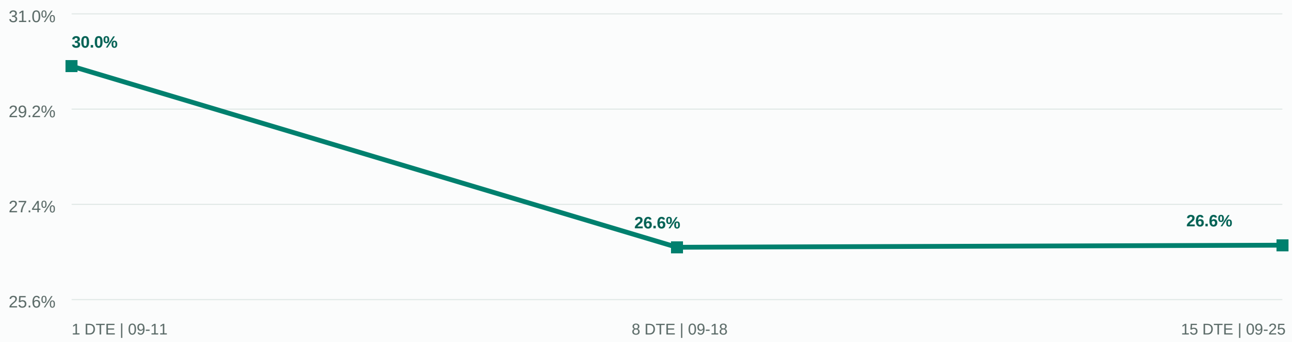
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
19 / 100	37 / 100	100.96	149.25

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-3.42 pts**
Skew read	**CALL DEMAND ELEVATED**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 10, 2026 2:32 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

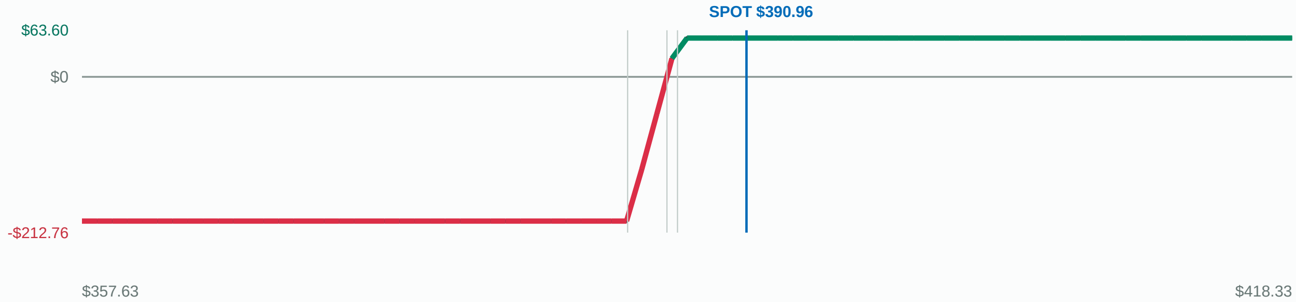
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-11	1	30.0%	-
2026-09-18	8	26.6%	-
2026-09-25	15	26.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

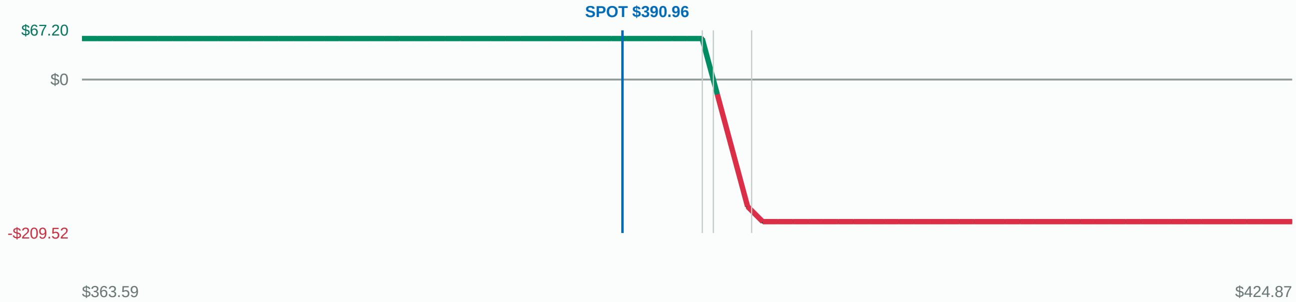
Short $387.50 | Long $385.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.53



Max profit $53.00 | Max loss -$197.00 | Break-even $386.97 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $395.00 | Long $397.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.56



Max profit $56.00 | Max loss -$194.00 | Break-even $395.56 | 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	**17.76**
VVIX	**100.96**
SKEW index	**149.25**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**146**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**146**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Principal risks to monitor

Recent news regarding the sale of Optum Health Florida clinics to TPG may create short-term volatility. | Earnings season is approaching, with the next report due on October 27th, which could trigger significant price swings.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$352.81B**	P/E (TTM) **24.83**
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 **25.2%**
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

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Covered Call | 2026-09-18

At signal $389.40 | Current $389.30

SHORT **Option $380.00 B $10.90 / A $11.45**

High turnover | CR $11.18

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$10.48**
ATR as % of price	**2.7%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**30.7%**
IV rank	**20 / 100**
IV percentile	**39 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 10, 2026 3:50 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**73 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**74 / 100**
Volatility health	**70 / 100**
Structure health	**65 / 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)	**$395.20 / $410.12 / $352.73**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$395.09 / $397.97**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$405.09 / $395.20 / $385.30**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.151**
True high / low	**$399.27 / $387.60**
5-day true high / low	**$406.53 / $378.08**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.572	**-**
SMA50	-0.541	**-**
MVWAP20	-0.605	**-**
MACD	-0.023	**-**
RSI	-1.994	**-**
Volume	241341.000	**-**
ATR	0.608	**-**
T1	-	**-3.10 / 395.68 / 406.53 / 378.08**
T2	-	**-2.95 / 396.50 / 403.89 / 390.44**
T3	-	**-3.50 / 396.91 / 402.23 / 395.20**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$390.96**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 10, 2026 2:32 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX RISING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-11 | 1 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**30.0%**
25-delta skew	**-3.11**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$387.50 Delta -0.283 / $395.00 Delta 0.302**
Median option bid/ask spread	**10.6%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**146 / 146**

Price context

Last Price: 390.96 | Bid: 390.96 | Ask: 391.13 | Previous Close: 393.06 | Change: -2.10 | Daily change: -0.53% | Update Time: 2026-09-10T14:32:34.953485-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-10 | Latest History Price: 390.96

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-16 | Latest Date: 2026-09-10 | Latest Price: 390.96 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -11.80%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 30.40% | Iv Rank: 19.25 | Iv Percentile: 36.65 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-09-13

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