



UnitedHealth Group Inc / UNH

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$376.00	-7.55 -1.97%	\$375.94/\$376.34	\$383.55

Market	NYSE
Industry	Health Care
Market data as of	Sep 15, 2026 11:32 PM EDT

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
60.8 / 100	Balanced	high	52 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$370.00	\$395.00	\$355.00	80 / 100

Options stance	bullish
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Sep 15, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

UNH Option Market Implies Upside Potential Despite Recent Pullback

Market read

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Strategy context

UNH's recent pullback has created potential buying opportunities for investors with a bullish outlook. The elevated IV suggests that significant price movement is expected, potentially leading to gains for those who buy calls.



JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	Mixed
AI analysis updated	Sep 15, 2026 1:34 PM EDT

Short-term scenario

Neutral/watch; consider dip-buy if support holds. High uncertainty from medical-cost trends.

Three-month outlook

Moderately bullish toward \$420-450 if late-Oct Q3 results confirm cost control and guidance. Valuation attractive vs history and cash generation. Significant uncertainty remains around utilization (GLP-1, commercial), regulatory/policy shifts, and potential further downside (to ~\$320) if \$370 support fails. Volatility likely; not a low-risk setup.

Market sentiment

Cautiously constructive. Investors see undervalued turnaround with robust FCF/dividend; some waiting for \$350-360 to add more. Pullback after summer rally viewed as opportunity, with range expected toward 440. Analyst reiteration (e.g., Overweight \$495) noted. Recent posts mixed with cost worries and spam; overall contrarian interest.

Supporting evidence

Implied volatility (IV) for UNH is currently 33.71%, ranking in the 52.99th percentile compared to historical levels. | The term structure of IV shows a slight downward slope, indicating that near-term options are slightly more expensive than longer-dated options. | Bullish option strategies like call spreads and bull put spreads are referenced in the market data.

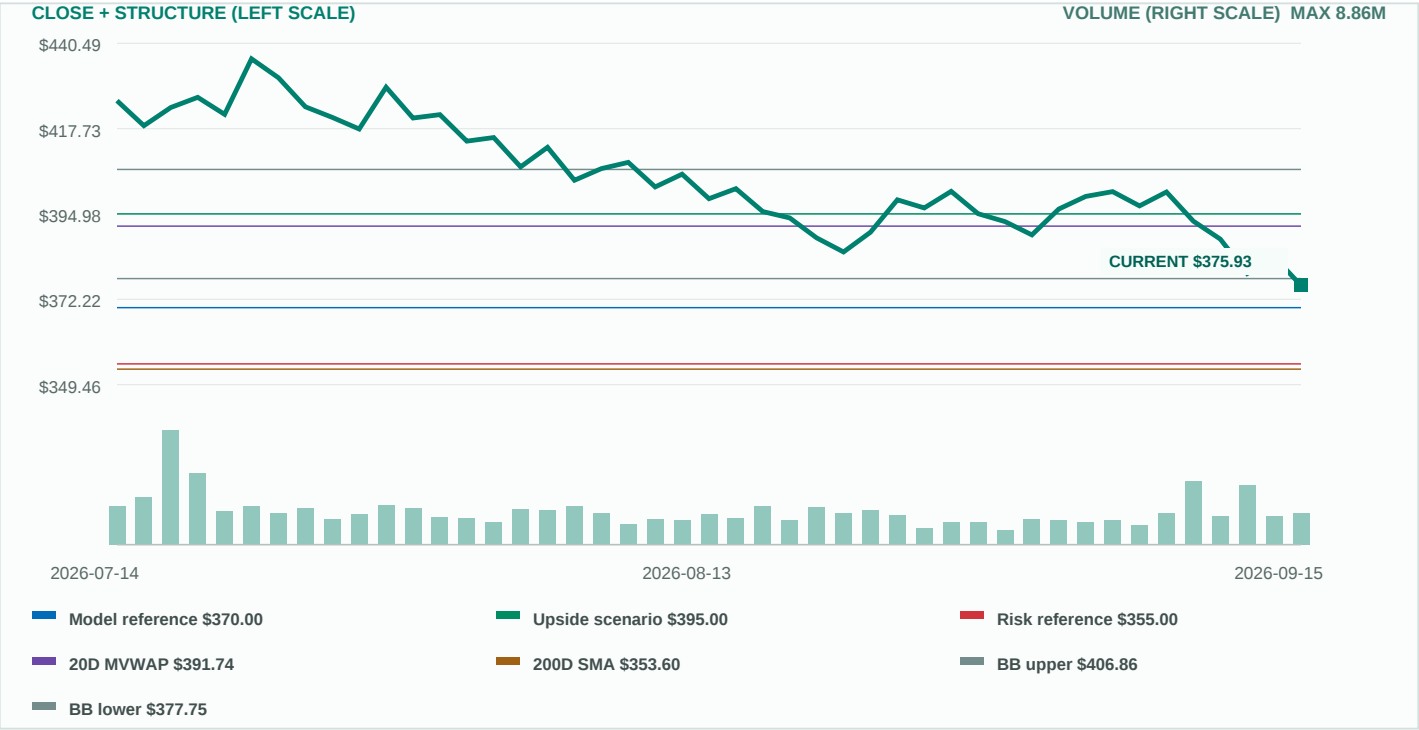
Risk watch

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Enhanced price structure

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

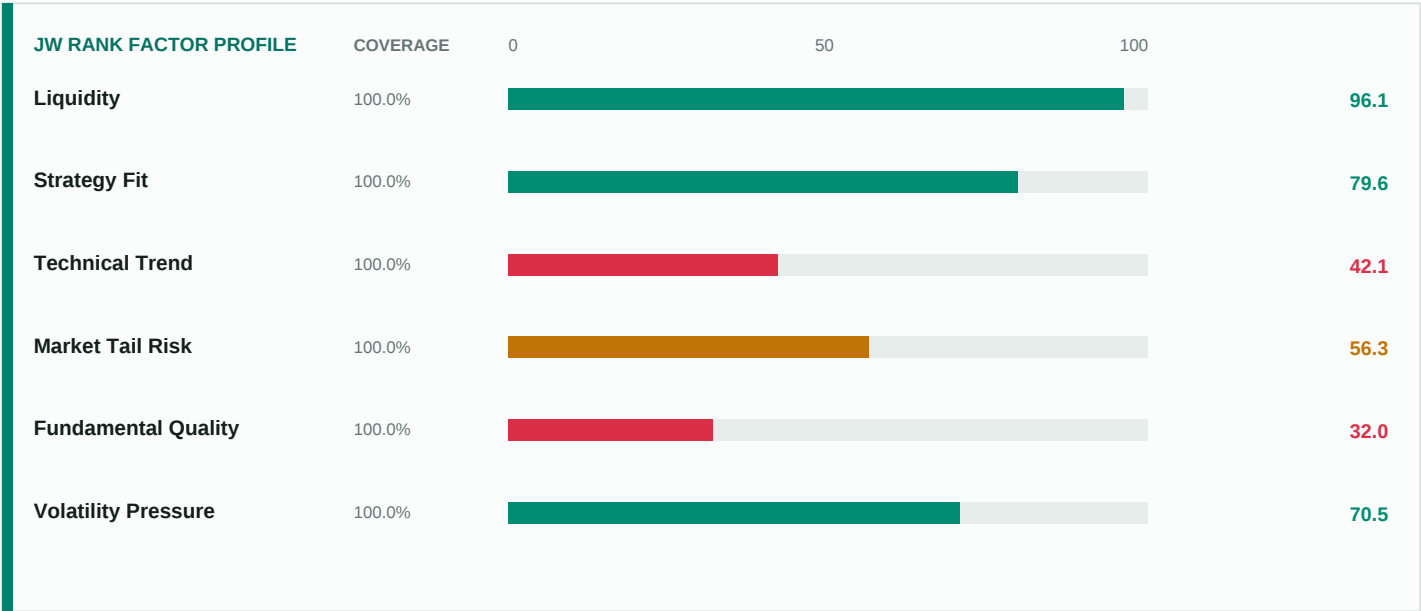


45 complete trading-session observations



JW Rank factors

Score, source coverage and interpretation for each decision factor



Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum

bullish_recovery

Institutional flow

Below MVWAP

Structure

Above 200D trend

Volatility

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)	28.93 / 35.42 / 39.20
RSI velocity	-1.80
MACD line / signal / histogram	-5.93 / - / -4.62
MACD acceleration	-0.79
Stochastic K / D	12.26 / 22.99

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Below institutional MVWAP Distribution bias
Institutional flow	-1.12
20-day MVWAP	\$391.74
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	-4.02%
Daily reference VWAP	\$378.41
Price vs daily reference	-0.64%
Volume	2.41M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Negative macro velocity
Macro velocity	-0.96
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$392.30 / \$353.60
Bollinger range	\$377.75 - \$406.86
Bollinger position	-0.063



Options and volatility intelligence

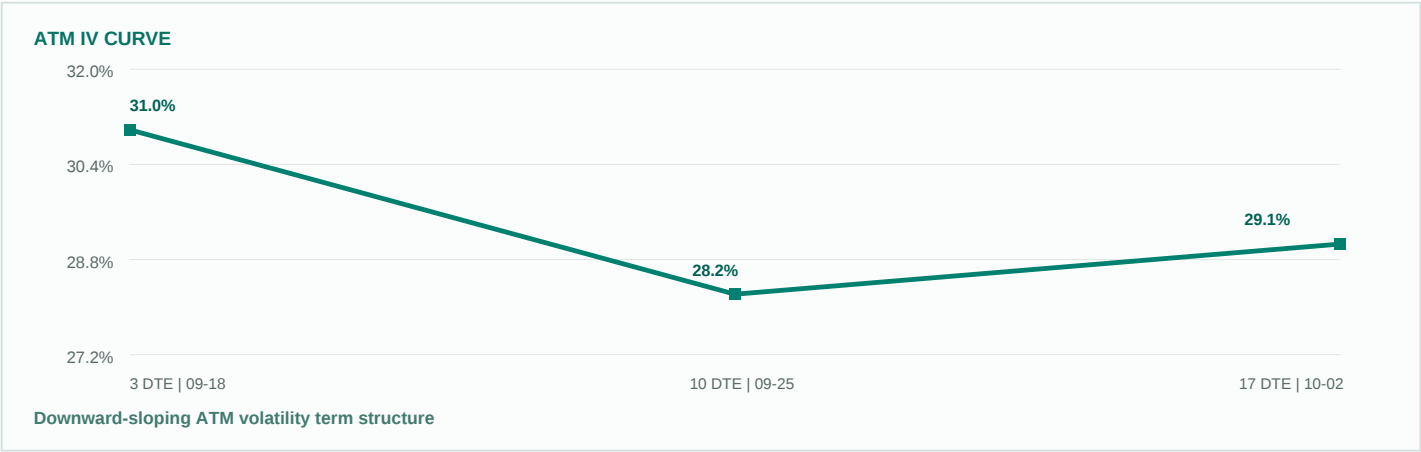
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
31 / 100	53 / 100	96.24	152.09

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	flat
Term slope	-1.89 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 15, 2026 2:33 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 88.9%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-18	3	31.0%	-
2026-09-25	10	28.2%	-
2026-10-02	17	29.1%	-

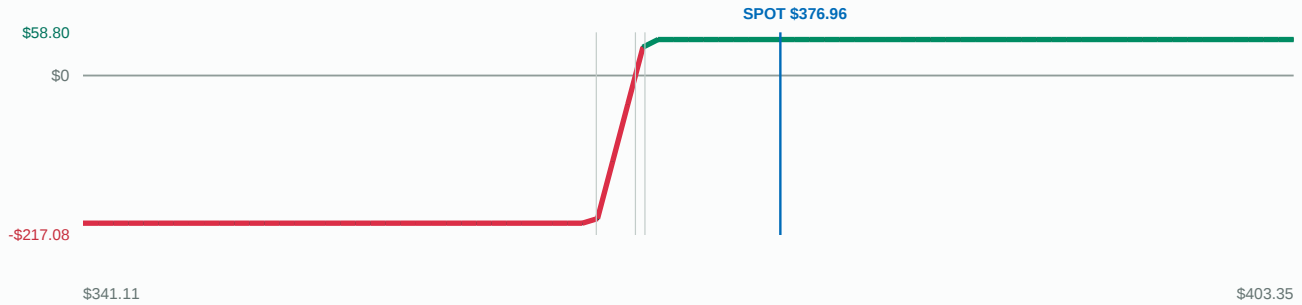


Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

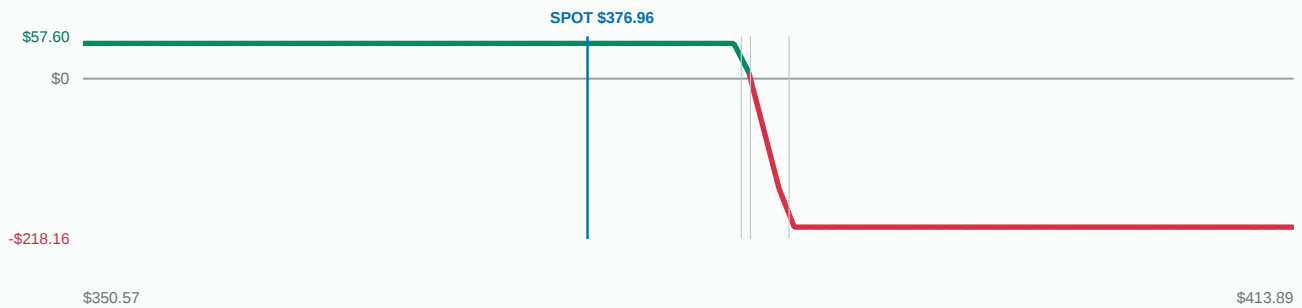
Short \$370.00 | Long \$367.50 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.49



Max profit \$49.00 | Max loss -\$201.00 | Break-even \$369.51 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$385.00 | Long \$387.50 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.48



Max profit \$48.00 | Max loss -\$202.00 | Break-even \$385.48 | 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	17.43
VVIX	96.24
SKEW index	152.09
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	139



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	139

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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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)
\$344.27B	24.41
ROE	Revenue growth
14.4%	11.4%
EPS growth	Operating margin
-14.5%	4.7%
Net profit margin	Gross margin
3.1%	-
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
-4.8%	0.83
Dividend yield	Beta
1.4%	0.54
52-week range	
\$255.97 - \$461.62	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
UnitedHealth Group Inc	NYSE
Industry	Country
Health Care	US
Currency	IPO date
USD	1984-10-17
Shares outstanding	52-week return
908.14M	7.2%
Book value per share	Revenue per share
\$115.08	\$496.83
Website	unitedhealthgroup.com



Latest strategy observation

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

UNH Covered Call signal

Covered Call | 2026-09-18

At signal \$379.05 | Current \$376.00

SHORT Option \$380.00 B \$4.15 / A \$4.60

High turnover | CR \$4.38

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Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$10.44
ATR as % of price	2.8%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	33.6%
IV rank	30 / 100
IV percentile	52 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Sep 15, 2026 7:32 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	66 / 100
Trend health	78 / 100
Momentum health	65 / 100
Volatility health	68 / 100
Structure health	44 / 100
Earnings risk / date	low 2026-10-13
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	medium
Structure risk	high

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$392.30 / \$407.49 / \$353.60
EMA (9 / 21)	\$387.36 / \$393.36
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$406.86 / \$392.30 / \$377.75



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	-0.063
True high / low	\$383.80 / \$375.50
5-day true high / low	\$406.53 / \$375.50

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.964	-
SMA50	-0.876	-
MVWAP20	-1.118	-
MACD	-0.786	-
RSI	-1.798	-
Volume	62177.330	-
ATR	-0.011	-
T1	-	-5.05 / 392.66 / 386.46 / 379.09
T2	-	-4.63 / 393.47 / 391.73 / 375.90
T3	-	-3.57 / 395.09 / 399.27 / 387.60



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$376.96
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Options data coverage	88.9%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX RISING
Front expiration / DTE	2026-09-18 3 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	31.0%
25-delta skew	-0.12
Put / Call 25-delta	\$370.00 Delta -0.246 / \$385.00 Delta 0.235
Median option bid/ask spread	6.7%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	139 / 139

Price context

Last Price: 376.96 | Bid: 376.92 | Ask: 376.96 | Previous Close: 383.55 | Change: -6.59 | Daily change: -1.72% | Update Time: 2026-09-15T14:33:40.976684-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-15 | Latest History Price: 376.97

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-22 | Latest Date: 2026-09-15 | Latest Price: 376.97 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -13.61%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 33.71% | Iv Rank: 30.52 | Iv Percentile: 52.99 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-09-13



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