UnitedHealth Group Inc / UNH

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$376.12	**+0.86 +0.23%**	**-/-**	**$375.26**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Health Care**
Market data as of	**Sep 17, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
62.3 / 100	**Balanced**	**high**	**78 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$372.00	**$392.00**	**$360.00**	**81 / 100**

Options stance	**neutral**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 17, 2026 6:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

UNH Option Market Implies Mixed Sentiment

Market read

The UNH option market displays a neutral stance, with mixed signals from technicals and fundamental context. While implied volatility is elevated at 38.17%, reflecting uncertainty around upcoming earnings, the term structure shows a slight flattening trend. The skew is balanced, suggesting no strong directional bias. Recent news regarding Q2 earnings beat expectations but raised concerns about medical costs and margin recovery timelines.

Strategy context

The market appears to be pricing in potential volatility around the upcoming earnings release.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bearish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 17, 2026 1:33 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious hold or selective buy on a dip toward support given mildly oversold RSI and upcoming dividend, targeting a bounce; however there is high uncertainty from mixed/short-term bearish technicals, ongoing commercial cost pressures, low volume, and approaching Q3 earnings. This is not investment advice.

Three-month outlook

Constructive if Q3 (October 13) confirms continued cost control and guidance delivery, potentially supporting a move toward 400-450 amid operational improvements and share repurchases; however high uncertainty remains due to delayed commercial margin recovery, medical utilization/cost trends, regulatory and reimbursement risks, and possible volatility around earnings. Stock could trade in a wide 350-420 range. Monitor developments closely as outcomes are far from certain.

Market sentiment

Mixed and cautious. Some posts highlight attractive valuation after the pullback, scale advantages, cash flow, and turnaround potential, with mentions of adding on further dips to 350-360. Others note real concerns around medical costs, margins, and regulation. Recent analyst reiteration of Overweight with $495 price target. High volume of unrelated spam; overall wait-and-see tone with selective bullishness on the long-term story.

Supporting evidence

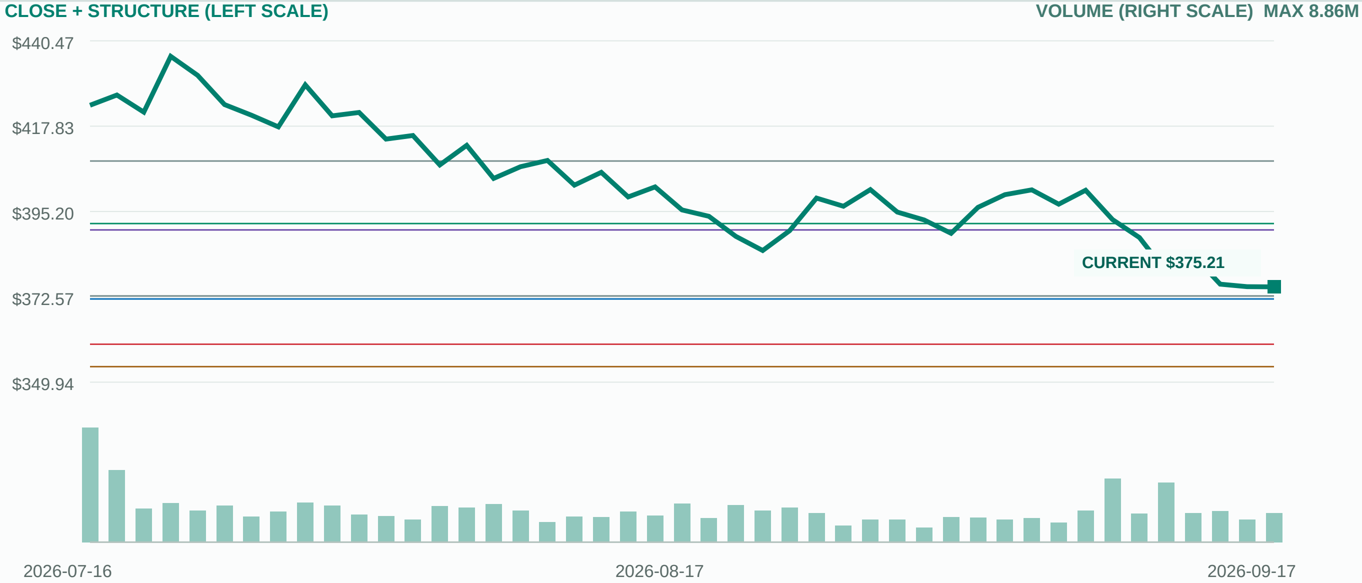
Implied volatility at 38.17% suggests market uncertainty ahead of the October 13th earnings release. | The balanced delta skew indicates no strong bullish or bearish sentiment. | The slight flattening term structure suggests a decrease in expected future volatility. | Recent news highlights both positive aspects (earnings beat, dividend) and concerns (medical costs, margin pressure).

Risk watch

Medical cost pressures could impact margins and future guidance. | Regulatory changes or reimbursement issues pose a risk to profitability.

Enhanced price structure

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



- Model reference $372.00
- Upside scenario $392.00
- Risk reference $360.00
- 20D MVWAP $390.31
- 200D SMA $354.05
- BB upper $408.59
- BB lower $372.81

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%	90.6
Strategy Fit	100.0%	80.7
Technical Trend	100.0%	41.3
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	56.3
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	32.0
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	82.9

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)	**28.30 / 35.04 / 38.93**
RSI velocity	**-1.52**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-7.06 / - / -5.42**
MACD acceleration	**-0.67**
Stochastic K / D	**3.71 / 8.80**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.78**
20-day MVWAP	**$390.31**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-3.64%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$376.64**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.14%**
Volume	**2.26M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.86**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$390.70 / $354.05**
Bollinger range	**$372.81 - $408.59**
Bollinger position	**0.067**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

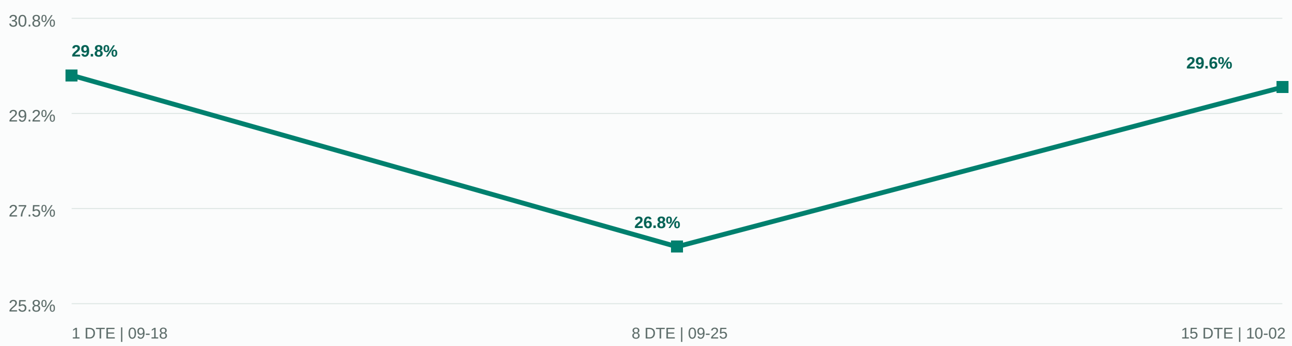
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
46 / 100	77 / 100	88.56	145.95

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**flat**
Term slope	**-0.21 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**97.3%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 2:35 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

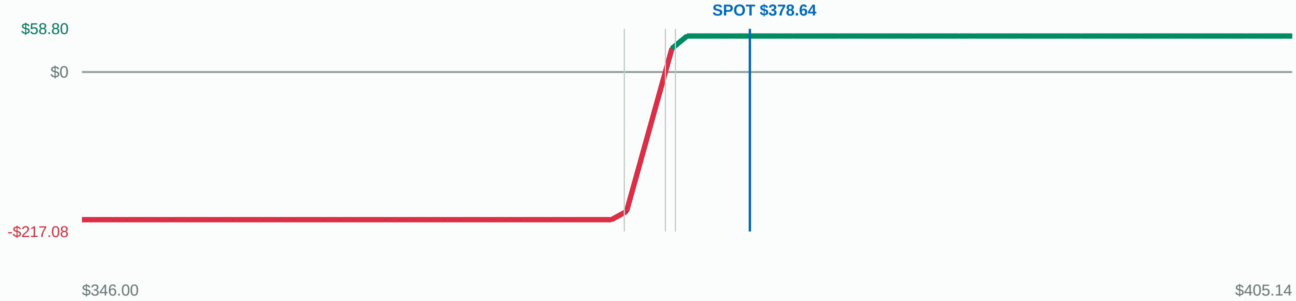
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-18	1	29.8%	-
2026-09-25	8	26.8%	-
2026-10-02	15	29.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

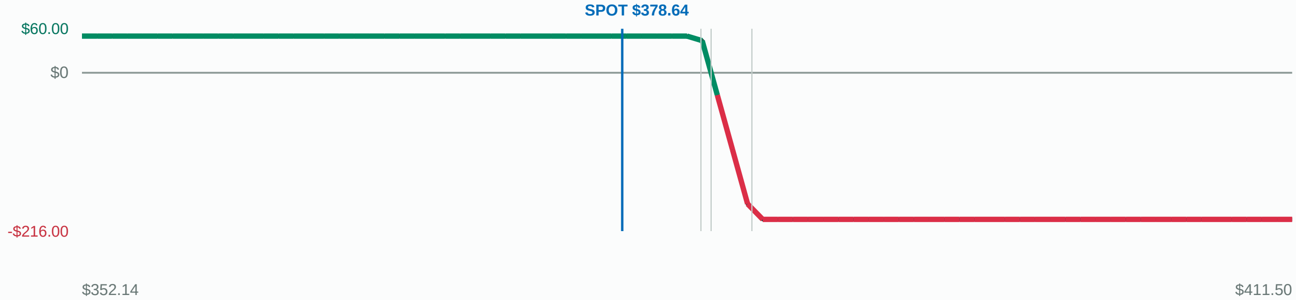
Short $375.00 | Long $372.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.49



Max profit $49.00 | Max loss -$201.00 | Break-even $374.51 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $382.50 | Long $385.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.50



Max profit $50.00 | Max loss -$200.00 | Break-even $383.00 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-13**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**15.53**
VVIX	**88.56**
SKEW index	**145.95**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**148**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**144**

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

Medical cost pressures could impact margins and future guidance. | Regulatory changes or reimbursement issues pose a risk to profitability.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$336.83B**	P/E (TTM) **23.90**
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 **0.54**
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 **8.1%**
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 | 2026-09-25

At signal $378.20 | Current $376.12

SHORT **Option $377.50 B $6.45 / A $6.80**

High turnover | CR $6.63

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$9.89**
ATR as % of price	**2.6%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**38.3%**
IV rank	**46 / 100**
IV percentile	**78 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 7:33 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**69 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**64 / 100**
Volatility health	**70 / 100**
Structure health	**57 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-13**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**medium**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$390.70 / $405.42 / $354.05**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$383.00 / $390.21**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$408.59 / $390.70 / $372.81**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.067**
True high / low	**$380.50 / $374.20**
5-day true high / low	**$391.73 / $373.63**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.863	**-**
SMA50	-0.969	**-**
MVWAP20	-0.785	**-**
MACD	-0.671	**-**
RSI	-1.520	**-**
Volume	9978.330	**-**
ATR	-0.239	**-**
T1	-	**-6.60 / 391.00 / 380.22 / 373.63**
T2	-	**-5.93 / 391.74 / 383.80 / 375.50**
T3	-	**-5.05 / 392.66 / 386.46 / 379.09**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$378.64**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 2:35 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-18 | 1 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**29.8%**
25-delta skew	**-1.99**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$375.00 Delta -0.264 / $382.50 Delta 0.269**
Median option bid/ask spread	**10.2%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**148 / 144**

Price context

Last Price: 378.64 | Bid: 378.55 | Ask: 378.63 | Previous Close: 375.26 | Change: 3.38 | Daily change: 0.90% | Update Time: 2026-09-17T14:35:32.441127-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-17 | Latest History Price: 378.61

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-24 | Latest Date: 2026-09-17 | Latest Price: 378.61 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -14.00%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 38.17% | Iv Rank: 45.65 | Iv Percentile: 77.29 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-13 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-09-13

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