Unifirst Corp.

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NYSE; shops; SIC 7200, Services-Personal Services; CIK 0000717954

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strongest fifth of 256 graded peers in shops

rank 38 of 256; percentile 14.5; sampling error 2.9 points; lower is stronger

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A, the bull



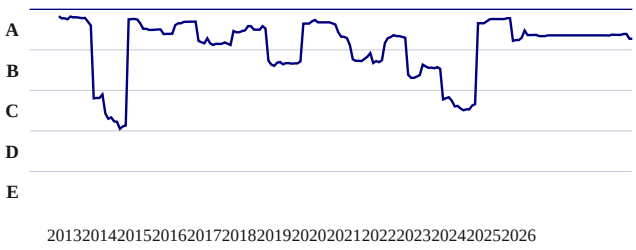
Scoreboard	
Profitability	C/D percentile 59.6
Solvency	A percentile 11.0
Growth and financing	B/C percentile 38.5
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $2.9B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	late filer; fortress balance sheet not computable: dilution, distress
Inputs computable	9 of 14
Graded from	filings received through Oct 28, 2026 2 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-K received Oct 28, 2026
Last close	$256.73 2026-10-29; market equity $0; no price enters the letter

Share price, twelve months to the rescan



Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.

Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026



Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.

Business, in the company's words

opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Oct 29, 2025

UniFirst Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1950, together with its subsidiaries, hereunder referred to as "we", "our", the "Company", or "UniFirst", is one of the leading providers in the supply and servicing of uniform and workwear programs, facility management and service products, as well as first aid and safety supplies and services in North America. We design, manufacture, personalize, rent, clean, deliver, and sell a wide range of uniforms and protective clothing.

The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight

Input	Value	Peer median	Percentile, 0 to 100	Pct	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 59.6						
Gross profitability	32.2%	42.0%		64.9	240	2026-08-29
Return on invested capital	not computable	10.9%				

latest aligned inputs end 2014-08-30; latest annual assets end 2026-08-29

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Accruals ratio	(3.4%)	(4.8%)	68.7	285	2026-08-29
Gross margin stability, five years	1.1 pts	1.2 pts	45.2	218	2026-08-29
Solvency, sleeve percentile 11.0					
Twelve-month failure probability	not computable	0.04%			
liabilities and a nearby cover-page share count are required at 2026-08-29					
Altman Z double-prime	7.90	1.93	6.9	205	2026-08-29
Net debt to EBITDA	not computable	1.84x			
latest aligned inputs end 2014-08-30; latest annual assets end 2026-08-29					
Interest coverage	not computable	2.28x			
latest aligned inputs end 2016-08-27; latest annual assets end 2026-08-29					
Current ratio	3.14x	1.38x	15.1	293	2026-08-29
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 38.5					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	4.2%	1.6%	36.1	267	2026-08-29
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	17.4%	5.2%	28.6	148	2026-08-29
Reinvestment rate	17.6%	8.4%	45.0	152	2026-08-29
Asset growth, three years	3.8%	3.4%	44.2	270	2026-08-29
Net share issuance, one year	not computable	(0.6%)			
two annual share counts are required; found 0					

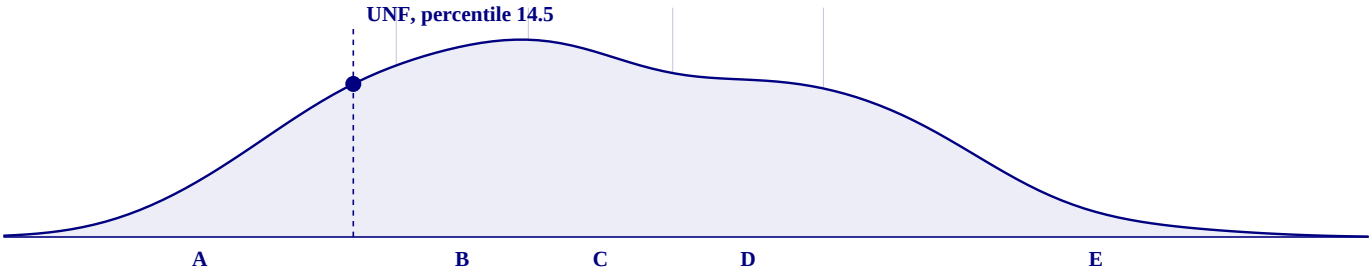
Warnings

2 of 7 checks triggered; none of them enters the letter

Check	Measured
Late filer	found 1 NT 10-K/Q filings in the last eight quarters
Fortress balance sheet	cash minus debt is 183,910,000 USD; Altman Z is not used

Among 256 peers

shops; letters are fifths of this list



Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.

Rank	Company	Percentile	Letter	Warnings
33	Richardson Electronics, Ltd. (RELL)	12.5	A	
34	Village Super Market Inc. (VLGEA)	12.9	A	fortress balance sheet
35	Amcon Distributing Co. (DIT)	13.3	A	
36	Core & Main, Inc. (CNM)	13.7	A	
37	Signet Jewelers Ltd. (SIG)	14.1	A	
38	Unifirst Corp. (UNF)	14.5	A	late filer, fortress balance sheet
39	Sally Beauty Holdings, Inc. (SBH)	14.9	A	
40	American Eagle Outfitters Inc. (AEO)	15.3	A	fortress balance sheet
41	Rush Enterprises Inc. \Tx\ (RUSHA)	15.9	A	
42	Rush Enterprises Inc. \Tx\ (RUSHB)	15.9	A	
43	Carvana Co. (CVNA)	16.5	A	

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What the price implies

at the 2026-10-29 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	66.0%	0.7%	92
Distance from 52-week high	(14.6%)	(19.4%)	56
EBIT to enterprise value	not computable	5.2%	
Free cash flow yield	not computable	3.9%	
Book value to price	not computable	0.35	
Sales to price	not computable	1.59	
Composite equity issuance, five years	not computable	(16.8%)	
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.53	0.03	92

Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score None of 9, period end 2026-08-29	
Return on assets above zero	pass
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	pass
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$192.1M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$205.3M
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	2 (10-K received Oct 28, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$71.4M

Sources

every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.5B	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfRevenue	$1.6B	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.9B	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
4	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$193.3M	2014-08-30	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
5	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$195.4M	2014-08-30	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
6	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$75.4M	2014-08-30	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$7.9M	2014-08-30	2014-10-29	10-K	14-019037
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.1B	2014-08-30	2017-10-25	10-K	17-010136
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$191.8M	2014-08-30	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
10	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebt	$111.4M	2013-08-31	2014-10-29	10-K	14-019037
11	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$1.0B	2013-08-31	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
12	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$197.5M	2013-08-31	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
13	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$109.5M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
14	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$205.3M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
15	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.8B	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
16	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.4B	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
17	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfRevenue	$1.5B	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
18	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.4B	2024-08-31	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689

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19	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfRevenue	$1.6B	2024-08-31	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
20	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.2B	2023-08-26	2025-10-29	10-K	25-256222
21	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfRevenue	$1.5B	2023-08-26	2025-10-29	10-K	25-256222
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$2.0B	2022-08-27	2024-11-14	10-K	24-127140
23	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfRevenue	$1.3B	2022-08-27	2024-11-14	10-K	24-127140
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$968.5M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$308.3M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$2.1B	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
27	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$136.0M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
28	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$2.2B	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
29	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$641.2M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
30	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$71.8M	2014-08-30	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
31	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$201.2M	2016-08-27	2018-10-22	10-K	18-000061
32	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$927,000	2016-08-27	2016-10-26	10-K	16-040348
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$134.5M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$296.9M	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$154.3M	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$295.3M	2024-08-31	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$160.4M	2024-08-31	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
38	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$215.8M	2023-08-26	2025-10-29	10-K	25-256222
39	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$172.0M	2023-08-26	2025-10-29	10-K	25-256222
40	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$142.0M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
41	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$142.1M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
42	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$32.6M	2026-08-29	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
43	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$924.6M	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
44	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$290.4M	2025-08-30	2026-10-28	10-K	26-067689
45	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.7B	2024-08-31	2025-10-29	10-K	25-256222
46	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$2.6B	2023-08-26	2024-11-14	10-K	24-127140

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