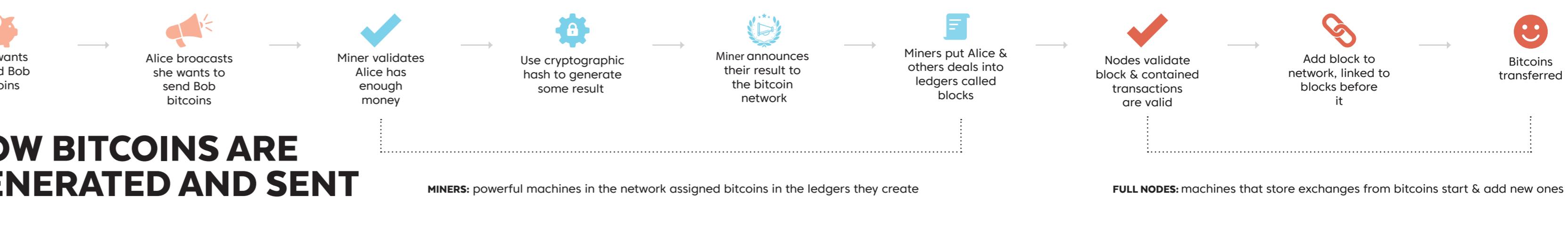




BITCOIN

Bitcoin is the most popular and valued cryptocurrency in the world that's sparked geopolitical debates on its legality while redefining commerce as the world's first and largest, decentralized currency with complete anonymity. Let's take a closer look at this digital fiat currency.

HOW BITCOINS ARE GENERATED AND SENT



EVENTS SHAPING BITCOIN

Global events that have affected bitcoin's price, public perception, and legality since it's inception.

- 1 **BITCOIN LAUNCHED** 03-JAN-09 Satoshi Nakamoto launches the Bitcoin network & creates the first block
- 2 **PIZZA STORY BREAKS THE NEWS** 11-JUL-10 A tech news site, Slashdot, covers the pizza transaction generating widespread public interest in the currency
- 3 **SILK ROAD OPENS** 01-FEB-11 Silk Road, an online market place known as the eBay of drugs goes online & accepts bitcoins as payment
- 4 **TIME COVERS BITCOIN** 16-APR-11 Mainstream media publishes article about bitcoins viability as digital cash & government-free nature amidst WikiLeaks hype
- 5 **PANIC BUYING IN CYPRUS** 25-MAR-13 Policy to collect money from accounts over €100,000 in tax-haven Cyprus to meet EU bailout terms after economic crisis
- 6 **SILK ROAD SHUT DOWN BY FBI** 02-OCT-13 Largest bitcoin enabled black-market website is shut down by the FBI, insuring widespread negative media coverage on bitcoins
- 7 **CHINA DECLARES BTC NOT CURRENCY** 05-DEC-13 China declares bitcoin is not currency & prohibits financial institutions to trade, insure, & offer services related to Bitcoin
- 8 **IRS ANNOUNCES BITCOIN TAXABLE** 26-MAR-14 IRS declares Bitcoin is not currency & subject to capital gains tax from the time it's acquired to the time it's spent
- 9 **EU CLASSIFIES BITCOIN AS CURRENCY** 22-OCT-15 EU Court of Justice classifies bitcoins as currency & rules its exchange is not subject to value-added-tax in the European Union
- 10 **AUSTRALIA PLANS BITCOIN REGULATIONS** 17-AUG-17 Australia announces plan to strengthen its anti-money laundering laws & regulate digital currencies such as Bitcoin
- 11 **SOUTH KOREA REGULATES BTC** 26-DEC-17 South Korea's government imposes measures to regulate speculation in cryptocurrency trading within the country
- 12 **FACEBOOK BANS BITCOIN ADS** 2-FEB-18 Facebook bans people entirely from advertising bitcoin & other cryptocurrencies amid fears they are used for fraud
- 13 **BANKS BAN BUYING CRYPTOCURRENCY** 2-FEB-18 J.P. Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, Capital One, and Morgan Stanley Group restrict customers from buying cryptocurrencies using their credit cards citing risk and volatility concerns

MAJOR CRYPTOCURRENCIES VALUES

	CRIPTOCURRENCY	VALUES
1	BTC	\$8519
2	ETHEREUM	\$716
3	DASH	\$402
4	ZCASH	\$349
5	MONERO	\$203
6	LITECOIN	\$139

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BITCOIN OWNERSHIP & ACTIVITY BY COUNTRY

The map tracks bitcoin trades from 2017 to 2018 by country and adjusts it to the country's population. Darker regions reflect higher volumes of bitcoin trade or ownership, or be simply interpreted as countries where bitcoins more popular.

100 < BTC < 1000
10 < BTC < 100
1 < BTC < 10
0.1 < BTC < 1
0.01 < BTC < 1
0 < BTC < 0.01

Volume of bitcoin traded adjusted to a thousand people living in the country

BITCOIN'S PRICE HISTORY

Bitcoin to USD price history with value milestones and overlaid events. Display spans from 10 Jul, 2010 to 1 May, 2018 with prices in log-10 (graph is exponential). Event numbers overlaid to give political and media hype context to price fluctuations over the years.

Huge thanks to Coinhills who provided data on bitcoin volume per currency used below.

