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Digital Assets Reach \$4 Trillion Milestone as Crypto Matures into Global Financial Force

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The global cryptocurrency sector has reached approximately \$3.97 trillion, briefly touching \$4 trillion, signalling a decisive shift from speculative beginnings to mainstream financial relevance. Renewed confidence, clearer regulatory frameworks, and institutional adoption have all contributed to the industry's upward trajectory, marking a pivotal week in the digital asset space.

According to market data platform CoinGecko, the sector briefly surpassed \$4 trillion on Friday, driven in part by decisive stablecoin legislation in the United States. The U.S.

Congress passed the Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act (GENIUS Act), which was signed into law by President Donald Trump on 18 July 2025.

Stablecoins, a type of cryptocurrency designed to maintain a fixed 1:1 value with a fiat currency, are increasingly used for transferring funds between digital assets. They provide a stable medium of exchange in an otherwise volatile marketplace and have become a cornerstone of crypto trading. Supporters believe their adoption could improve efficiency in global payments and reduce reliance on traditional banking systems.

In addition to the GENIUS Act, the House also approved two further pieces of legislation: one offering a broader regulatory framework for cryptocurrencies and another prohibiting the U.S. Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency (CBDC). The latter reflects mounting concern over state-controlled digital money and its implications for financial privacy and individual freedom.

Industry experts have welcomed the legislative shift. Derren Nathan, head of equity research at UK investment platform Hargreaves Lansdown, remarked that the new regulations “signal an about-turn in attitudes towards the crypto industry,” while still noting that lawmakers are taking a measured approach. Chris Perkins, president of blockchain investment firm CoinFund, called the GENIUS Act “a foundational step in mainstreaming crypto as an asset class.”

Market enthusiasm has spilled over into broader financial instruments. Bitcoin, the largest cryptocurrency, briefly traded above \$120,000, while the total market reached near \$3.97 trillion. Financial services firm Bernstein estimates Bitcoin could reach \$200,000 by the end of 2025 as institutional investment accelerates. Ether, the second most valuable digital asset, has also seen notable growth, rising by over 4.5% in recent days and more than doubling in value over the past three months.

Equities tied to the crypto market, such as trading platforms Coinbase and Robinhood, saw sharp gains. Both companies reached record highs on Friday, reflecting growing investor confidence. Ether-related stocks similarly experienced significant upward movement, further cementing crypto’s influence in equity markets.

This \$4 trillion milestone underscores the remarkable evolution of the cryptocurrency sector. Once considered a fringe experiment, digital assets have now established themselves as a lasting component of global financial strategy, driving innovation, enabling

wealth creation, and supporting economic diversification in an increasingly dynamic and interconnected world. As regulatory frameworks take shape, digital assets are steadily shedding their fringe reputation and positioning themselves as a credible and influential component of the global financial system..