

Crypto Market Surges to \$4 Trillion as U.S. Sets New Regulatory Path

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The global cryptocurrency market has reached a valuation of approximately \$4 trillion, highlighting its transformation from a niche digital trend into a significant component of modern finance. This growth comes amid rising institutional investment, investor confidence, and a pivotal regulatory breakthrough in the United States.

This week, the United States House of Representatives passed a landmark bill establishing a regulatory framework for stablecoin cryptocurrencies that maintain a fixed value relative to a fiat currency, such as the U.S. dollar. Often used for seamless trading between tokens, stablecoins have seen rapid growth in adoption. The bill now awaits President Donald Trump's signature, and he is expected to sign it into law. Alongside the stablecoin legislation, lawmakers advanced two other crypto-related measures: one setting broader oversight guidelines for the sector, and another prohibiting the Federal Reserve from issuing a central bank digital currency.

"The arrival of the Trump-backed legislation signaled an about-turn in attitudes towards the crypto industry, but legislators are still exercising some caution," said Derren Nathan, head of equity research at Hargreaves Lansdown.

The legislative momentum signals a critical shift in how governments engage with the digital asset space. Chris Perkins, president of the investment firm CoinFund, praised the development: "The GENIUS Act will go down in history as a law that served as a foundational step in the mainstreaming of crypto as an asset class."

As regulatory clarity improves, large investment firms and public companies have accelerated their entry into the sector. Bitcoin, the world's largest cryptocurrency, briefly crossed \$120,000 earlier in the week before retreating slightly. Despite a 1.8 percent dip, it remains a strong performer, with analysts at brokerage firm Bernstein predicting it could reach \$200,000 by the end of 2025. Ether, the second-largest digital asset, posted a 4.5 percent gain and has more than doubled in value over the past three months.

The crypto rally has also driven gains in related equities. Shares of Coinbase, the popular cryptocurrency exchange, climbed to all-time highs, while retail trading platform Robinhood, which facilitates crypto transactions, recorded a 3 percent rise. Companies with exposure to Ether likewise saw broad upward movement in stock prices.

The \$4 trillion milestone underscores how digital currencies have progressed from speculative investments to assets with real utility, drawing serious attention from corporate treasuries and institutional portfolios. As the regulatory environment evolves, the cryptocurrency market is expected to play an increasingly prominent role in the financial system of the future.