

Daily Market Brief

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BTC	\$86,428.55 -2.0%	S&P500	6,816.52 -0.2%	US 10Y	4.1700% -0.0120PPT	WTI	\$56.50 -1.6%
ETH	\$2,964.91 -3.2%	Nasdaq	23,057.41 -0.6%	DXY	98.26 -0.2%	Gold	\$4,333.15 -0.0%

- Market slides without dominant headlines. As of now, \$BTC is trading at \$86,428 and \$ETH is trading at \$2,964. Bitcoin dominance stands at 59.09%.
- Circle is acquiring the team and intellectual property of Axelar developer Interop Labs to strengthen its cross-chain and multichain infrastructure for Arc and its Cross-Chain Transfer Protocol (CCTP). The deal excludes the Axelar network and token, which will continue to operate independently under open-source, community governance.
- A few other headlines include: Strategy has acquired 10,645 BTC at approximately \$92,098 per bitcoin, JPMorgan is expanding further into crypto with a tokenized money fund, and \$WET has been listed on Upbit and Bithumb.
- During the last 24 hours, the top three gainers were \$BEAT, \$PIPPIN, and \$MYX, while the top three losers were \$ASTER, \$TEL, and \$BAT.

Circle–Axelar Deal Renews Token Value Debate

Circle signed an agreement to acquire the team and proprietary intellectual property of Interop Labs, a core contributor to the Axelar Network, as part of its push to deepen crosschain infrastructure for Arc and its Cross-Chain Transfer Protocol (CCTP). The transaction, expected to close in early 2026, folds Interop Labs' engineers and technology into Circle while leaving the Axelar network, foundation, and AXL token fully independent under open-source, community governance, with stewardship transitioning to Common Prefix. Strategically, the move underscores Circle's ambition to position Arc as a payments- and interoperability-focused "economic OS" for onchain finance, reinforcing USDC's role as a native multichain settlement asset as stablecoins continue to gain traction in global payments. At the same time, the deal has reignited debate around token value capture, as \$AXL is explicitly excluded from the acquisition despite Axelar's underlying technology being central to the transaction. The structure reinforces a growing market sentiment that tokens are not automatically aligned with teams or IP in M&A outcomes, highlighting persistent misalignment between token holders and core project value.

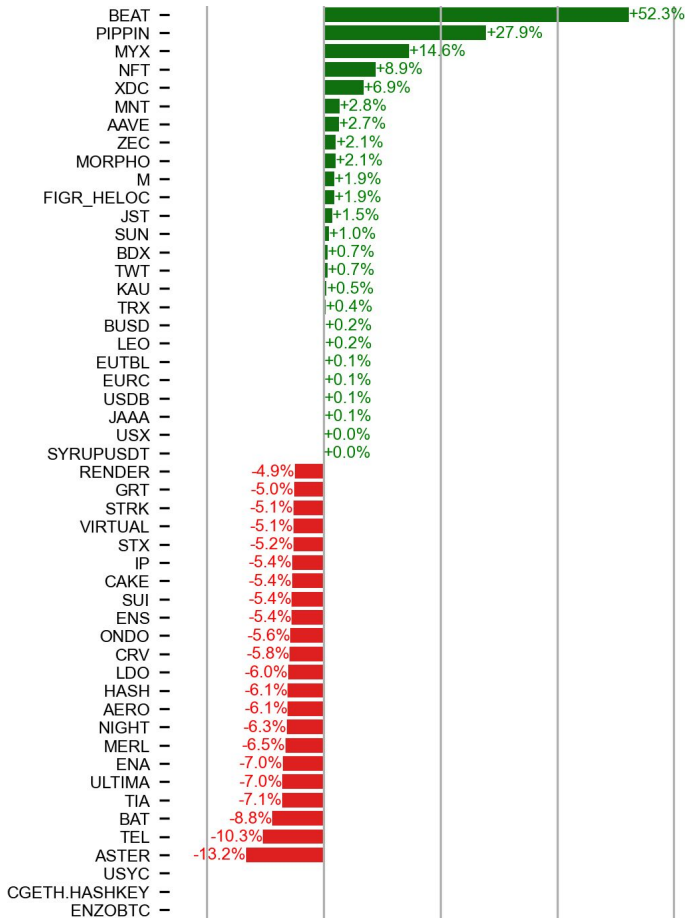


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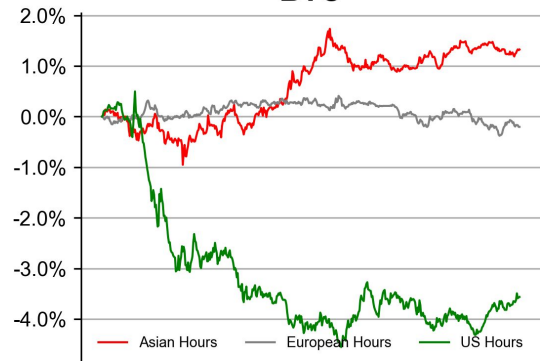
PRICE ACTIONS

24H Price Change (Top/Bottom 25 from Top 200)

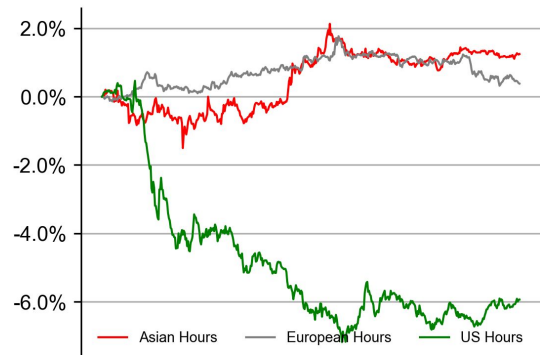
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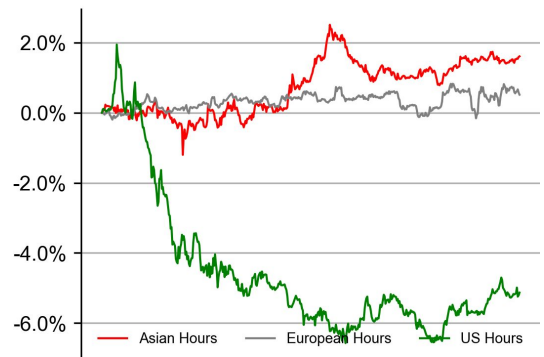
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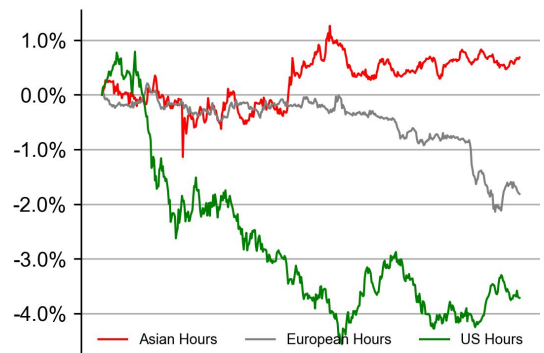
ETH



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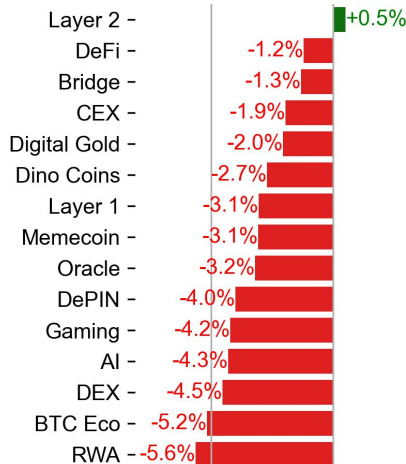
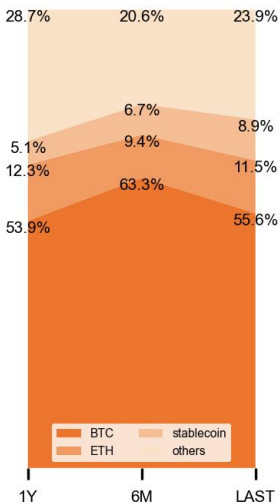


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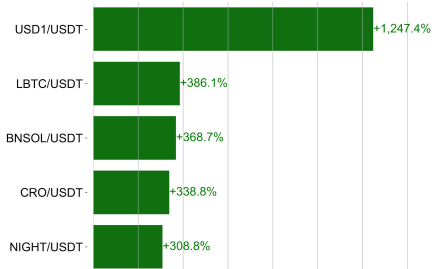
Dominance Ratio

Sector Performance



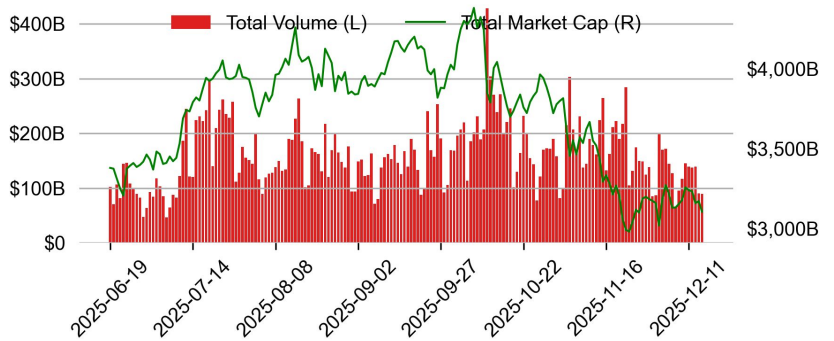
TRADING VOLUME

24H Vol % Chg*

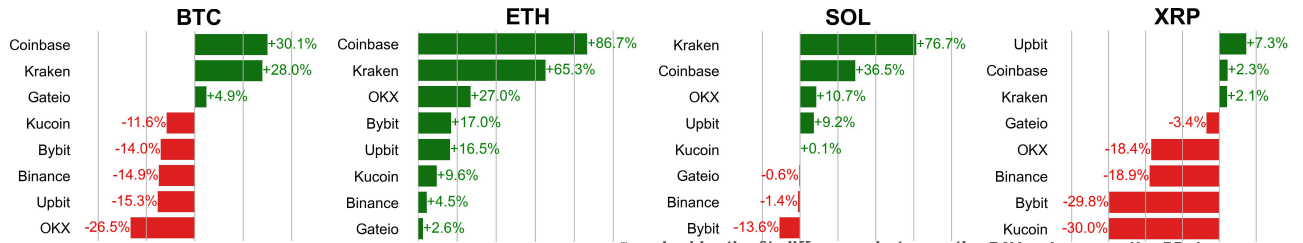


* 5 largest 24H vol. change from the universe of top 50 assets by market cap

Spot Volume



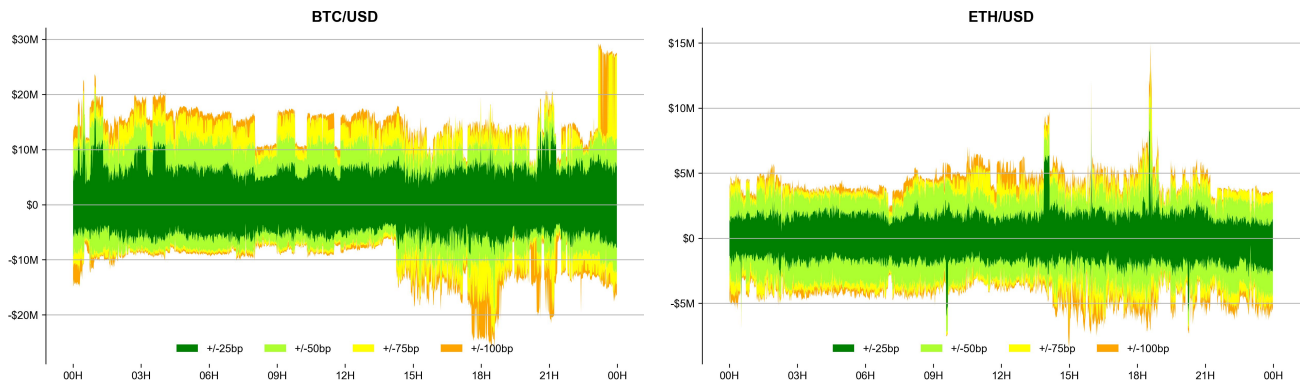
Spot Volume Leaders (% chg vs ave)*



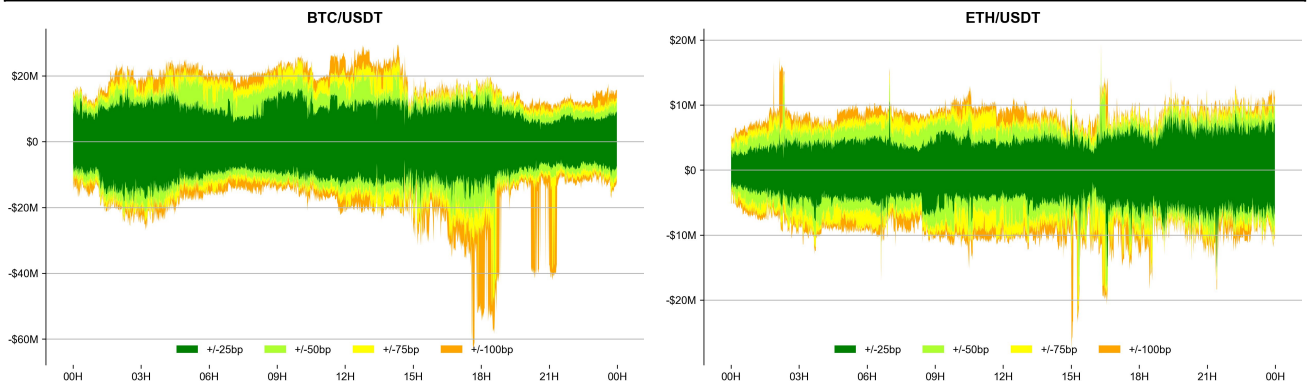
* ranked by the % difference between the 24H volume vs. the 30-day average

ORDER BOOK DEPTH (within 1% best bid/ask)

Coinbase



Binance



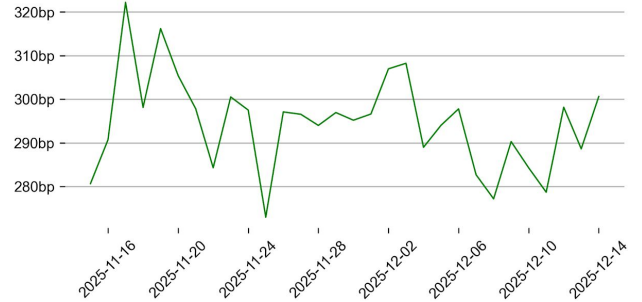
DERIVATIVES

Open Interest / Market Cap

BTC

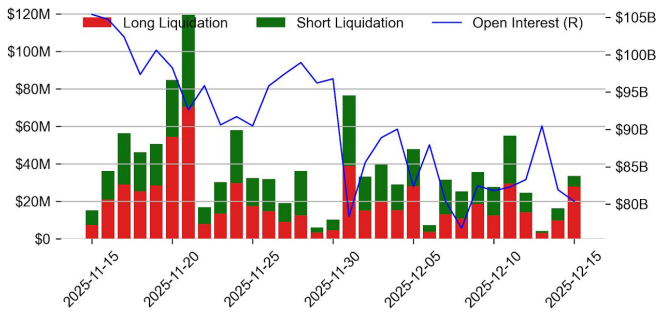


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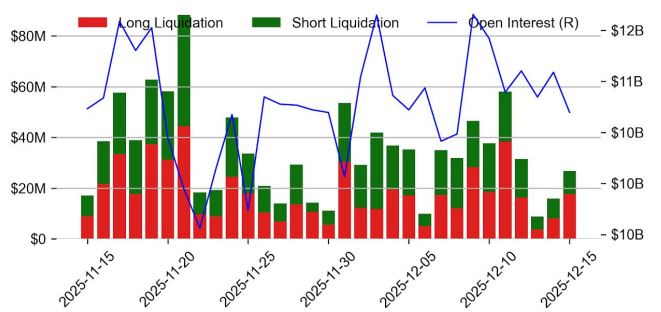


Futures O.I. & Liquidations

BTC

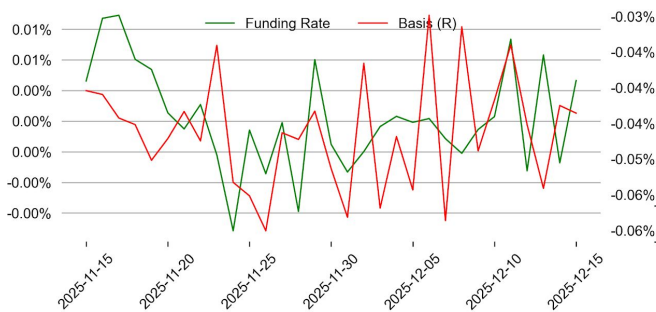


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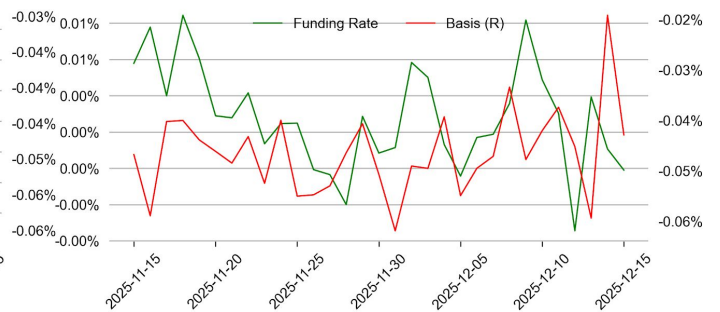


Perps Funding Rate & Rolling Basis

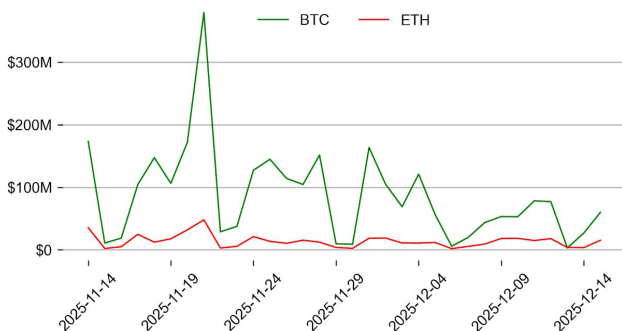
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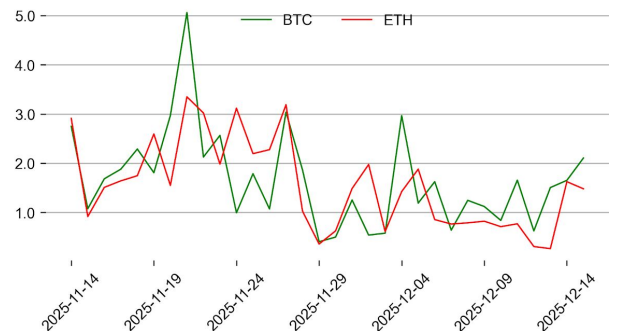
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Option Volume



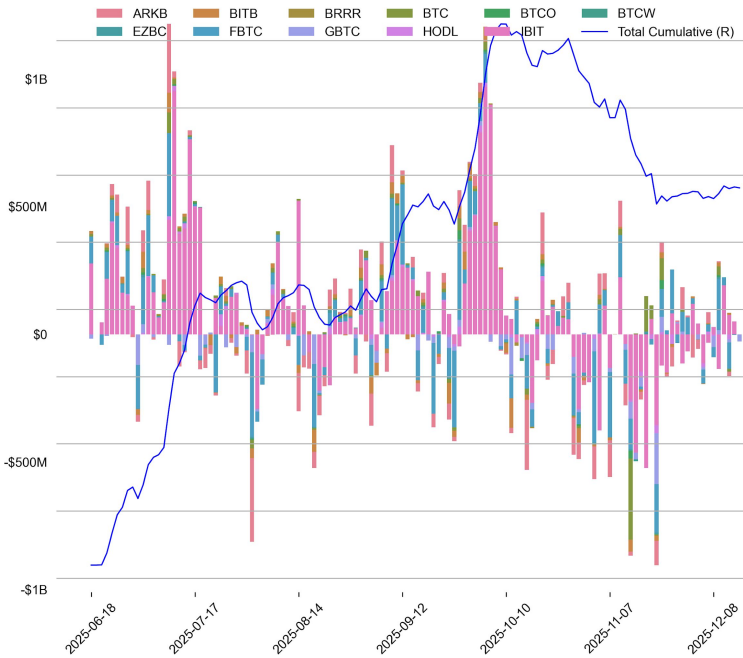
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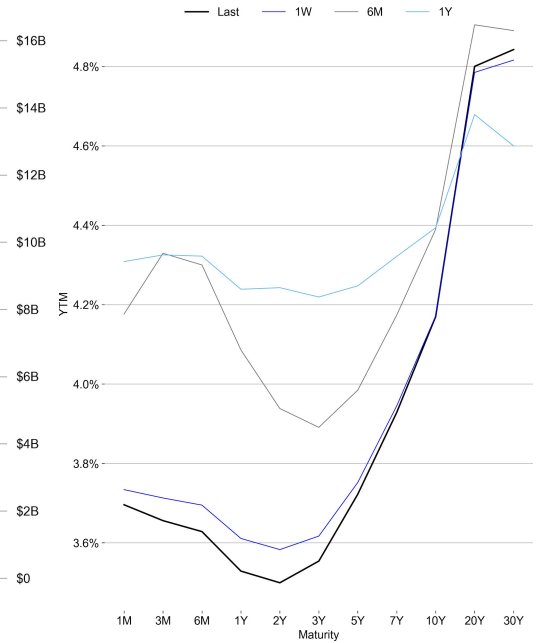
TRADFI

	Stocks					FX				Commodity		Crypto Equity			
	S&P500	Nasdaq	EuroStoxx50	HSI	CSI300	USD/EUR	USD/JPY	USD/CNY	DXY	WTI	Gold	COIN	MSTR	MARA	RIOT
Last	6816.52	23057.41	5747.85	25628.88	4552.06	0.8508	155.04	7.0477	98.26	56.50	4333.15	250.43	162.08	10.72	13.71
1D	-0.2%	-0.6%	0.5%	-1.3%	-0.6%	-0.1%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-1.6%	-0.0%	-6.4%	-8.1%	-6.9%	-10.4%
1M	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%	-3.6%	-1.6%	-1.1%	0.3%	-0.7%	-1.0%	-5.8%	5.8%	-11.8%	-18.9%	-10.6%	-1.7%
1Y	12.6%	15.7%	15.7%	28.3%	15.7%	-10.6%	0.9%	-3.1%	-8.2%	-20.7%	61.9%	-19.4%	-60.3%	-52.8%	5.5%

BTC Spot ETF Flow

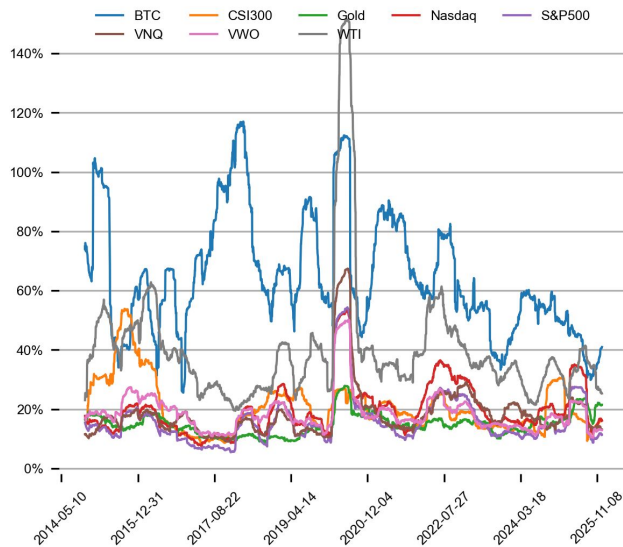


US Treasury Yield Curve

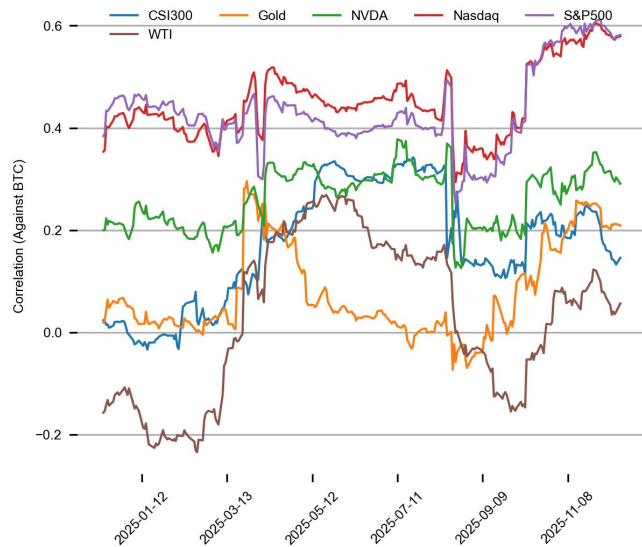


CROSS ASSET METRICS

Volatility



Correlation



STABLECOIN

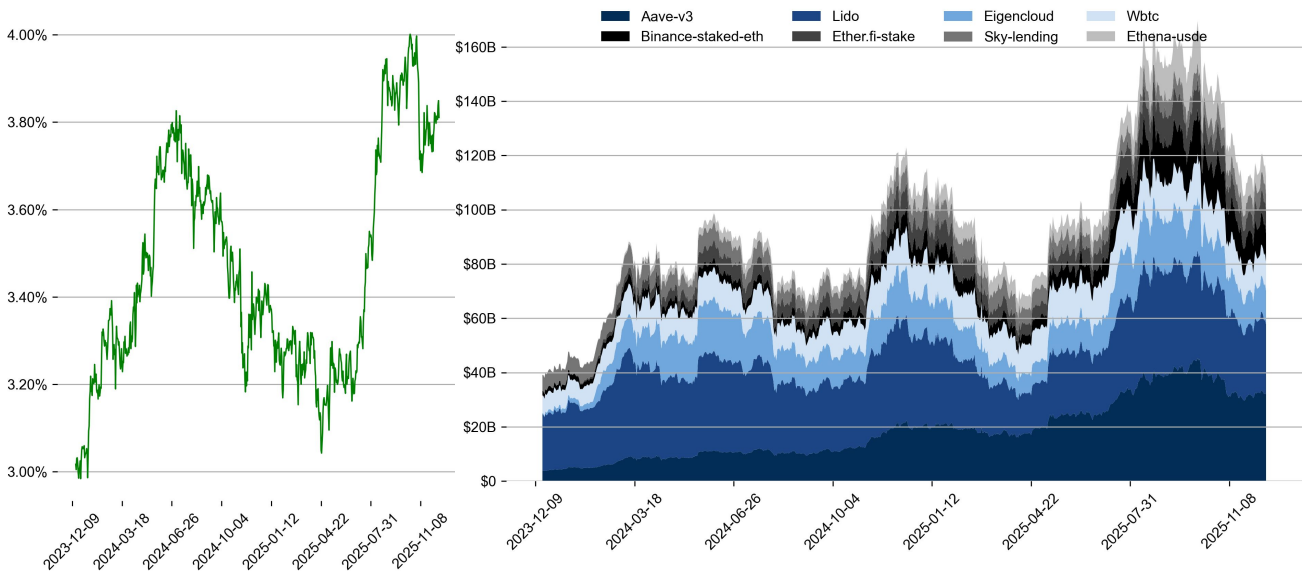
Supply Change

USDT Prem/Disc

ONCHAIN MOVES

TVL/Crypto MC

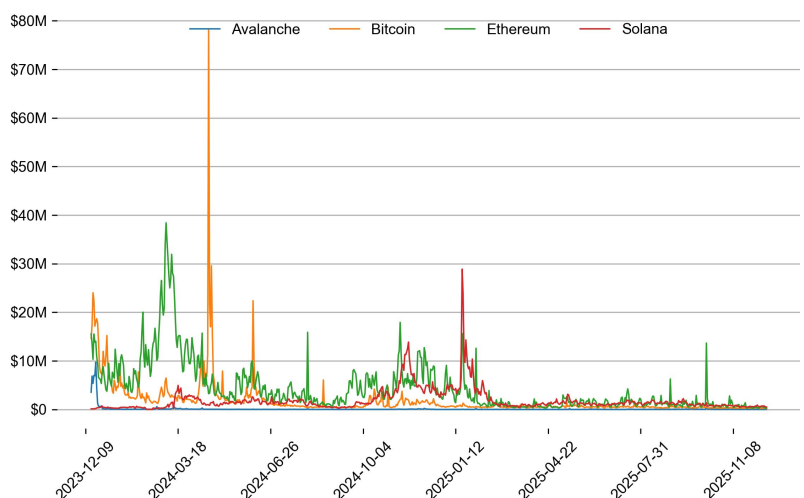
Top TVL by Protocol



Top TVL Gainers*

Daily Network Fees

#	Name	7D Change
1	USDD	+85.6%
2	Resolv	+42.9%
3	Yield Basis	+38.2%
4	TriggerX	+27.0%
5	Concrete	+23.7%



* 5 largest 7 day TVL change in % terms from the universe of minimum \$100m TVL protocols, according to DefiLlama.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Title	Coins / Hosts
Dec 1, 2025	End of QT	
Dec 1, 2025	23M Unlock	\$EIGEN
Dec 2, 2025	ICO	\$AZTEC
Dec 3, 2025	Fusaka Mainnet Upgrade	\$ETH
Dec 5, 2025	US PCE	
Dec 9, 2025	\$3.27M Unlock	\$BB
Dec 10, 2025	US FOMC	
Dec 10, 2025	Buyback Start	\$ASTER
Dec 10, 2025	\$13.73 Unlock	\$LINEA
Dec 11, 2025	Breakpoint	
Dec 11, 2025	\$3.05M Unlock	\$IO
Dec 11, 2025	Linear Unlock Start	\$ATH, \$ME
Dec 11, 2025	Do Kwon Sentenced	\$LUNA
Dec 12, 2025	Vaneck & Grayscale ETF Decision	\$AVAX
Dec 15, 2025	SEC Crypto Task Force Roundtable	
Dec 15, 2025	\$16.78M Unlock	\$STRK
Dec 15, 2025	\$7.79M Unlock	\$VANA
Dec 17, 2025	Base Announcement	
Dec 17, 2025	\$6.58M Unlock	\$ZK
Dec 17, 2025	Linear Unlock Start	\$PENGU
Dec 18, 2025	\$3.36M Unlock	\$MELANIA
Dec 19, 2025	BOJ Decision	
Dec 25, 2025	\$3.27M Unlock	\$ALT
Dec 25, 2025	\$18.69M Unlock	\$XPL
Dec 29, 2025	\$1.49M Unlock	\$TREE
Dec 30, 2025	\$8.65M Unlock	\$ZORA

DATA EXPLAINER

Headers	Source	Note
PRICE ACTIONS TRADING VOLUME ORDER BOOK DEPTH DERIVATIVES	Presto Labs	Time Zone Analysis separates out the asset's price action according to the business hours in Asia, Europe and US region. This is to identify which geography is responsible for price actions of the last 24hrs. The cut-offs are, - Asia: UTC 22:00 -1 to UTC 6:00 - Europe: UTC 6:00 to 14:00 - US: UTC 14:00 to 22:00 Sector constituents are, AI(FET, AGIX, OCEAN), BTC Eco(BCH, BSV, ICP, STX, ORDI), CEX(BNB, CRO, OKB, KCS, BGB), Data(LINK, GRT), DePIN(ICP, FIL, AR, HNT, SIA), DEX(UNI, INJ, RUNE, SNX, DYDX, OSMO, CRV, CAKE, GMX), Digital Gold(BTC), Gaming/Metaverse(IMX, BEAM, SAND, GALA, AXS, WEMIX, RON), LO(AVAX, DOT, TIA), L2(MATIC, OP, MNT, ARB, STRK), Lending(MKR, AAVE, COMP), Liquid Staking(LDO, RPL, JTO), Meme(DOGE, SHIB, FLOKI), NFT(APE, BLUR), Payments(XRP, LTC, XLM, XMR, ZEC), RWA(ONDO, CFG), Smart Contract(ETH, BNB, SOL, ADA, TRX, TON, APT, NEAR, HBAR, VET, ALGO, FTM, SUI, FLOW, MINA). The sector return is market-cap weighted average of the constituents' returns. Exchanges: 24H spot price & volume % changes and dominance ratios are from CoinGecko. Time Zone Analysis is based on data from Binance. Spot volume leaders are based on data from Binance Bybit, Coinbase, Kraken, OKX, KuCoin, HTX, Upbit, Gate.io. Futures data are from Binance OKX, Bybit, KuCoin. Options data are from Deribit.
TRADFI	Investing.com Farside Investors	BTC Spot ETF Flows are based on data shown on farside.co.uk at UTC 03:00. Due to varying data reporting schedules among ETF sponsors, the figures may not encompass data from all 10 ETFs.
STABLECOIN ONCHAIN MOVES	DefiLlama	Stablecoin Supply is a proxy for fiat on/off ramp from TradFi into crypto. USDT Prem/Disc reflects the USDT supply/demand imbalance, approximating the market's risk aversion towards USDT specifically, and/or the crypto market more broadly. The data is from Coinbase. TVL/ Crypto MC Ratio = Total Value Locked / Crypto Market Cap. The ratio neutralizes the TVL changes caused by asset price fluctuations.
EVENTS CALENDAR	CoinMarketCap Investing.com	Events Calendar provides a summary of major events happening throughout the month.

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