

# What is Stablecoin?

It is a type of cryptocurrency called a "stablecoin." Its value is linked to an outside asset, like the U.S. dollar or gold, which helps keep the price of the cryptocurrency stable.

Suppose a "stablecoin" value is linked to another asset class, like a fiat currency or gold. In that case, it will stay the same in price even when the value of the other asset changes. Cryptocurrencies like bitcoin and ether have a lot of advantages. Still, one of the most important is that they don't need you to trust an intermediary institution to send money. This means that they can be used by anyone in the world. But one big problem is that the prices of cryptocurrencies can be hard to predict and change a lot. This makes them hard for people who live every day to use. In general, people want to know how much their money will be worth in a week, both for their safety and jobs. This is in contrast to the generally stable prices of fiat money, like U.S. dollars, or other things worth money, like gold. Currencies like the dollar do change over time, but the day-to-day changes for cryptocurrencies, which rise and fall in value, can be much more significant.

## Understanding the need for Stablecoin

Why do we require stablecoins in the first place? The best way to learn more about stablecoins is to find the answer to this question. It is clear that the value of money changes in ways that can't be explained. Currency's value is usually linked to the strength of the economy, which can be very dangerous for everyone's money. Precious metals, valuable assets, and exclusive real estate are usually what people look for when they want to keep their money safe.

The arrival of cryptocurrencies led to entirely new types of money. Crypto assets like Ethereum and Bitcoin could be very volatile, making it necessary to use instruments to make them more stable. Stablecoins have become more popular recently, with a significant spike in demand in July 2017. Stablecoins are the best way to hedge your money in the event of very volatile crypto prices.

It's just like when there's a new type of asset. Cryptocurrencies have also been affected by market forces. Many different types of crypto projects are now looking for ways to reduce risk and encourage more people to join the broader crypto ecosystem.

## How do stablecoins work, and what are the types of Stablecoin

Stablecoins are backed by many different things, like fiat currency (like the dollars in your bank account), other cryptocurrencies, precious metals, and algorithmic functions. But the source of a crypto's backing can make it more or less risky: There is an authority figure (like a central bank) who can step in and control prices when the value of a stablecoin changes. This makes it more stable than a stablecoin that isn't backed by fiat money. A bitcoin-backed stablecoin, for example, may change quickly and dramatically because there isn't a regulating body that decides what the stablecoin is pegged to because there isn't a lot of money in it.

**Fiat-backed stablecoins** are called "IOUs" because you use your dollars (or other fiat currency) to buy stablecoins that you can later use to get back your original cash. Unlike other cryptos, stablecoins backed by real money don't change in value very much. But that doesn't mean stablecoins are a sure thing. They're still new and haven't had much time to build up a track record, so they should be taken with a grain of salt. It can be traded for one U.S. dollar at a 1:1 ratio.

**Crypto-backed stablecoins** are backed by other crypto assets supported by stablecoins. Because the backing asset can change, crypto-backed stablecoins are overcollateralised to make sure the stablecoin stays worth what it is worth. It might be worth \$2, but if the crypto that backs the stablecoin drops in value, the stablecoin will still be worth \$1 because it has a built-in cushion. These assets aren't as stable as stablecoins backed by real money. It's a good idea to keep an eye on how the crypto asset that backs your stablecoin is doing. One stablecoin backed by crypto is dai, which is based on the U.S. dollar and runs on the Ethereum blockchain. Dai is also grouped with the U.S. dollar.

**Gold Backed Stablecoins:** These coins use gold and other precious metals to help them keep their value. These stablecoins are centralised, which some people in the crypto world may see as a bad thing. But it also protects them from the volatility of the crypto market. A long time ago, gold was thought to be an essential part of people's portfolios because it could protect them from changes in the stock market and inflation. Digix is a

stablecoin that is backed by gold. This means that investors can invest in gold without dealing with the difficulties of transporting and storing it.

**Algorithmic stablecoins:** They aren't backed by anything, making them the hardest stablecoin to understand. Some stablecoins use a computer algorithm to keep the coin's value from going up and down too much. As a stablecoin rises above \$1, the algorithm would automatically release more tokens into the supply to bring down the stablecoin's value. This is called a stablecoin "peg." There will be less of it if the price drops below \$1. The number of tokens you own will change, but they will still show how much you own. Ampl is an algorithmic stablecoin that is better able to deal with demand surges.

## What can you do with stablecoins?

**Keep the volatility down.** Coins like Bitcoin and Ether have a lot of movement in their value. Sometimes, they can change by the minute. The value of an asset linked to a more stable currency can give buyers and sellers confidence that the value of their tokens won't rise or fall unpredictably in the near term.

**Trade or save your money.** If you want to keep stablecoins, you don't need a bank account. They're also easy to move around. Stablecoins' value can be quickly sent worldwide, even to places where the U.S. dollar may be hard to get or where the local currency is not stable.

**Earn interest** There are simple ways to make money on a stablecoin investment that is usually better than what a bank would pay you.

**Moving money cheaply:** You can do it for very little money if you want to move money. A million dollars worth of USDC has been sent by people who have paid less than a dollar to send the money to each other.

**Send around the world.** Stablecoins like USDC are suitable for sending money worldwide because they take very little time to process, and there aren't any fees for making a payment.

# The Future of Stablecoins

Regulators are likely to be a big part of the stable coins business in 2022, say people who work in the field. Stablecoins, like other cryptocurrencies, work outside of the U.S. monetary system, and officials have often said that they're slipping through the regulatory cracks.

'I think 2022 will be a bigger year for regulation than any other,' Boneparth says in this video. "The more popular crypto is, the more regulators and policymakers are going to pay attention to it," says

People have been "looking" at stablecoins because regulators don't know what to do. They're trying to figure out how to set up laws and guidelines on treating stablecoins so that people can use them. It's unclear whether U.S. regulators will treat them as securities, banks, or something else. According to a Bloomberg report, the White House is planning to release an early government-wide strategy for crypto and other digital assets. It will ask federal agencies to look at the risks and opportunities of crypto and other digital assets.

Suppose the Federal Reserve will make its own digital currency. In that case, this debate also has a lot to do with another hot-button question: (CBDC).

Some experts are also saying that the Federal Reserve is likely to raise interest rates this year, making the U.S. dollar more popular. This could make Americans more interested in stablecoins that are backed by cash. A former Goldman Sachs trader who now runs Prosper Trading Academy says that because the Fed is likely to raise interest rates this year, "the dollar should benefit from this." "Stablecoins tied to the dollar can also benefit from this," says Scott Bauer, who now runs Prosper.

While that's still up in the air, it's something to keep an eye on this year, and it could impact what the U.S. government does with stablecoins.

## Conclusion:

Stablecoins may seem like a safe place to go. Still, the damage they could do to cryptocurrencies also needs to be considered. When giant whales move down the market, they can get a big hit on the price of cryptocurrencies while keeping their own stablecoin. We can't say that Stablecoins are accurate because there are so many different opinions about them.

As much as I respect both of these opinions, I think that Stablecoins are a terrible thing for cryptocurrency prices. As long as you don't trade or invest very much, switching to

Stablecoin doesn't change the cost of your coins at all. When giant whales move to Stablecoin or move away from Stablecoin, the whole market can go up or down. It will be interesting to keep an eye on the future of Stablecoins while respecting both sides of the argument.