

Bitcoin Summary

Despite a pullback in BTC prices, June saw a series of significant developments in the Bitcoin industry, reflecting both regulatory changes and strategic movements. The month began with StarkWare's initiative to scale Bitcoin using zero-knowledge proofs, which could significantly alter the landscape of Bitcoin's scalability industry which is still in infancy.

By mid-June, the landscape of Bitcoin treasury strategies evolved in response to high inflation. Companies increasingly turned to Bitcoin as a store of value, leveraging its decentralized nature and finite supply as a hedge against inflation. VanEck also announced the launch of the first Bitcoin ETF on the Australian Securities Exchange, while Deutsche Telekom, the parent company of T-Mobile, revealed plans to mine Bitcoin, signifying a major endorsement from a telecommunications giant and a move that could inspire other large corporations to enter the Bitcoin industry.

This summer was met with concerns about Bitcoin's hash rate, which might slow due to scorching summer heatwaves affecting miners. This environmental challenge highlighted the ongoing discussions about Bitcoin's energy consumption and the need for sustainable mining practices. The end of June was particularly eventful, beginning with the US Supreme Court overturning the Chevron decision, a victory for judicial authority and, indirectly, for Bitcoin.



This ruling could lead to more favorable regulatory conditions for cryptocurrencies. On the same day, the US government moved millions in Bitcoin to Coinbase, sparking speculation about potential sales or strategic moves. Germany also continued to sell more Bitcoin after previously selling \$170 million, according to Arkham, reflecting differing national approaches to Bitcoin reserves and investment.

Standard Chartered's decision to build a spot Bitcoin and Ethereum trading desk represented another significant development, showcasing the increasing integration of cryptocurrencies into mainstream financial services.

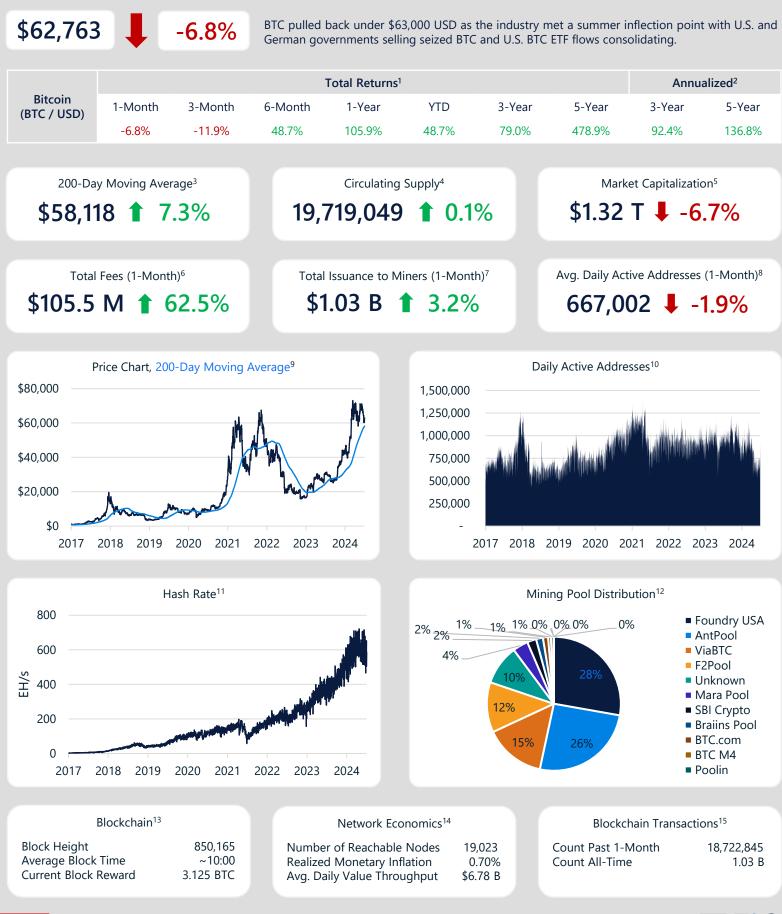
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Date	Curated Bitcoin News	Source	Link
June 21	Supreme Court Decision Overturns Chevron, a Victory for Judicial Authority and Bitcoin	Bitcoin Magazine	<u>Here</u>
June 21	US Government Moves Millions in Bitcoin to Coinbase	Bitcoin Magazine	<u>Here</u>
June 21	US Bitcoin ETF Sees Seventh Day of Outflows	Blockworks	<u>Here</u>
June 21	Germany Selling More Bitcoin After Dumping \$170 Million: Arkham	Decrypt	<u>Here</u>
June 21	Standard Chartered Is Building A Spot BTC And ETH Trading Desk	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>
June 20	Michael Saylor's Microstrategy Acquires 119K More Bitcoin For \$786M	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>
June 18	Bitcoin Hashrate May Finally Slow As Miners Face Scorching Summer Heatwaves	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>
June 17	VanEck to Launch First Bitcoin ETF on Australian Securities Exchange	Decrypt	<u>Here</u>
June 17	Telecom Giant and T-Mobile Parent Deutsche Telekom Plans to Mine Bitcoin	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>
Juen 12	Bitcoin Treasury Strategies Proliferate in a High-Inflation World	Blockworks	<u>Here</u>
June 4	StarkWare Is Raising \$1 Million to Scale Bitcoin With Zero-Knowledge Proofs	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>

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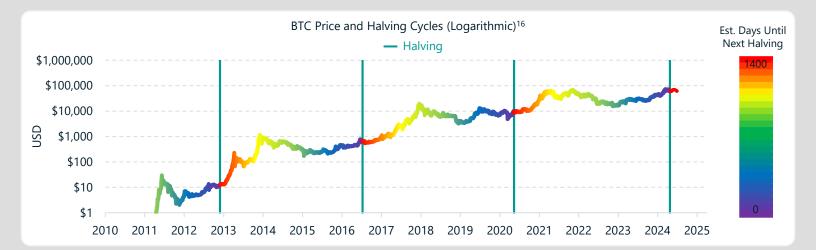


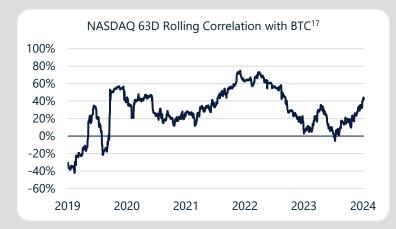


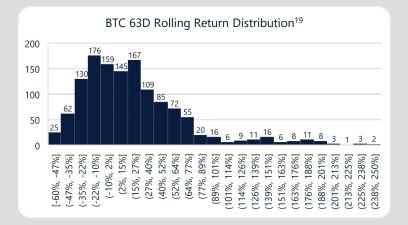
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¹⁻¹⁰ Source: CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024. BTC prices, returns, total fees, and total issuance are denominated in USD.

¹¹ Source: CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024. Hash rate expressed in exahashes per second (EH/s).

¹² Source: Blockchain.com as June 30, 2024. Data shows past 7-day summary of the percentage share of mined blocks across global mining pools.

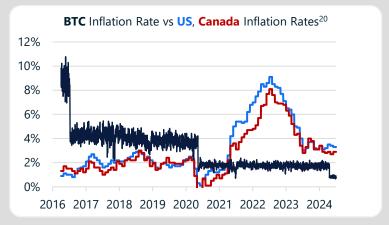
¹³ Source: Blockchain.com, CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024.

¹⁴ Source: Bitnodes.io, CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024.

¹⁵ Source: CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024.

¹⁶ Source: 3iQ Research, CoinMetrics as June 30, 2024. BTC price expressed in USD. Logarithmic scale.

BTC Performance 63D Skew & 63D Kurtosis¹⁸ 15 10 5 0 -5 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024



¹⁷ Source: 3iQ Research, Bloomberg as of June 30, 2024. Data shows BTC 63-day rolling correlation to the NASDAQ 100 Index. Data has been date aligned to US trading days only. You cannot invest directly into an index.

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²⁰ Source: 3iQ Research, Coinmetrics, Bloomberg as of June 30, 2024. Data has been date aligned to US trading days only. US and Canada inflation rates use non-seasonally adjusted (NSA) YoY% change in CPI. Bitcoin inflation rate is the annualized issuance rate of newly minted BTC from block rewards.





Ethereum Summary

ETH pulled back in June after surging the previous month on landmark regulatory approvals for U.S. Spot Ether ETFs. The month started with Wintermute CEO expressing concerns about leading Ethereum network contributors being stuck in a "massive contradiction," reflecting ongoing debates within the community about governance and protocol direction.

Ethereum's Layer 2 solutions demonstrated their growing importance in June as the total value locked (TVL) in Coinbase's Layer 2 solution, Base, surpassed \$8 billion USD. This milestone demonstrates the increasing adoption and effectiveness of Layer 2 solutions in scaling Ethereum and reducing transaction costs for users.

MetaMask, one of the most widely used Ethereum wallets, introduced pooled staking, making Ethereum validation cheaper and more accessible. The move is expected to encourage more participation in Ethereum staking, further decentralizing and securing the network. In addition, Renzo, a \$4 billion liquid restaking protocol, announced it was raising \$17 million USD to expand its services. This funding round signifies the growing interest and investment in innovative staking solutions within the Ethereum ecosystem.



The collaboration between Aave and Lido in June marked another significant development. The Aave community backed the Lido Alliance, greenlighting the V3 deployment focused on staked Ethereum (stETH). This partnership aims to enhance liquidity and staking opportunities for users.

By June 25, Ethereum experienced its longest inflationary period since the Merge. The month concluded with the SEC ending its investigation into Ethereum 2.0. However, the scrutiny on staking could be far from over.

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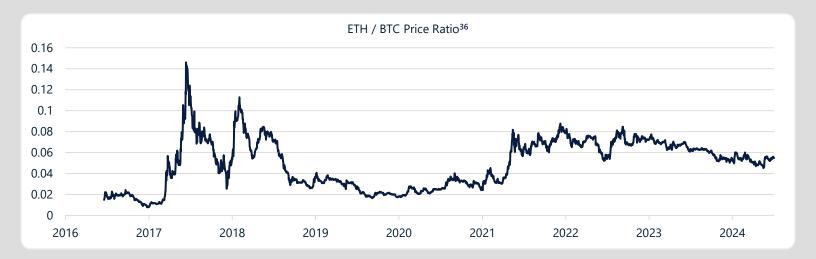
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June 26	The SEC Ends Its Ethereum 2.0 Investigation, But Staking Isn't In The Clear	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>
June 26	Crypto Saved Julian Assange, His Brother Says	Decrypt	<u>Here</u>
June 25	Ethereum Experiences Longest Inflationary Period Since Merge	Blockworks	<u>Here</u>
June 21	Aave Community Backs Lido Alliance, Greenlighting StETH-Focused V3 Deployment	The Defiant	<u>Here</u>
June 18	Renzo, The \$4B Liquid Restaking Protocol, Raises \$17M To Expand Restaking Services	Decrypt	<u>Here</u>
June 12	MetaMask Adds Pooled Staking For Cheaper Ethereum Validation	CoinDesk	<u>Here</u>
June 11	Ethereum's Next Upgrade: Prague, Electra, Pectra Explained	CoinTelegraph	<u>Here</u>
June 11	Ethereum Funds Draw Highest Inflows Since March	The Defiant	<u>Here</u>
June 10	Ethereum Layer 2 Base Total Value Locked Passes \$8 Billion	CoinTelegraph	<u>Here</u>
June 9	Ethereum Leaders are Stuck in a 'Massive Contradiction' — Wintermute CEO	CoinTelegraph	<u>Here</u>

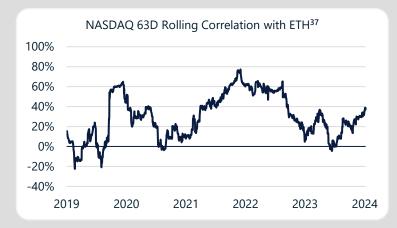


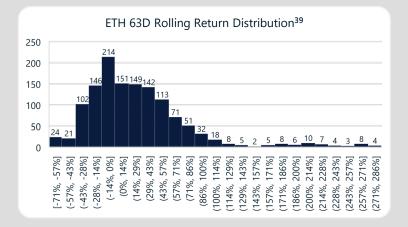












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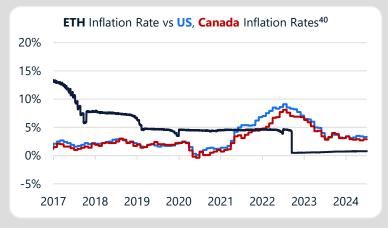
³⁴ Source: Ethernodes.org, Ultrasound.money, CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024. Node count shows total reachable number of execution clients on the Ethereum mainnet.

³⁵ Source: CoinMetrics as of June 30, 2024.

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