# Bitcoin Cash BCH

Bitcoin Cash is a separate crypto asset created in 2017 when it split from Bitcoin. It uses larger blocks to make payments cheap and keeps Bitcoin's fixed supply of 21 million coins. It is not the same asset as Bitcoin.

Trade Bitcoin Cash on Webull

Crypto assets are volatile. Read the risks below first.

## Bitcoin Cash at a glance

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| Type<br>**Digital currency** | Launched<br>**August 2017**<br>Created as a split ("fork") from Bitcoin | Maximum supply<br>**21 million BCH**<br>Permanently capped, same as Bitcoin |
| Coins in circulation<br>**~20.1 million BCH**<br>as of October 26, 2026 | Market cap rank<br>**Top 50 by market cap**<br>~$5.6 billion USD as of October 26, 2026 | Network<br>**Bitcoin Cash network (layer 1)**<br>Secured by proof of work |

## What is Bitcoin Cash?

Bitcoin Cash (BCH) began on August 1, 2017, when a group of developers and miners who disagreed with the Bitcoin community about how to handle growing transaction volume split off from the Bitcoin network. They copied Bitcoin's open-source code and increased the block size so more transactions fit in each block, with the goal of cheap, fast everyday payments, which they call "peer-to-peer electronic cash." Anyone who held Bitcoin at the time of the split also received the same amount of Bitcoin Cash.

Bitcoin Cash is a different asset from Bitcoin (BTC), with its own network, price and community. It has no central company or foundation. Several independent teams build the software, and the network has upgraded every year, usually in May. The May 2026 upgrade

added new scripting features, such as loops and reusable functions, so developers can build more complex programs on the network.

## How it works

### A split from Bitcoin

Bitcoin Cash runs on a copy of Bitcoin's design, recorded on its own public blockchain. It has been a separate network since the 2017 split.

### Bigger blocks, low fees

Bitcoin Cash allows blocks of up to 32 MB, much larger than Bitcoin's. Blocks are still added about every 10 minutes, and transaction fees are typically a small fraction of a cent.

### Miners and a fixed supply

Miners use powerful computers to solve a puzzle, called proof of work, to add new blocks. They earn new BCH and fees. No more than 21 million BCH will ever exist, and the mining reward halves about every four years.

## Key risks to understand

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| **Price swings** | Bitcoin Cash's price has been highly volatile. It can move sharply on speculation, news, regulation and investor sentiment, and in some circumstances it may be hard to value your holdings. |
| **Not Bitcoin** | Bitcoin Cash and Bitcoin are different assets with different prices, networks and risks. Make sure you are buying the one you intend to. |
| **Network attacks** | Bitcoin Cash uses the same mining algorithm as Bitcoin but has much less mining power. That makes a "51% attack", where one party controls most of the mining power and could double-spend coins, easier and cheaper than on Bitcoin. A successful attack could badly damage trust in BCH. |
| **Demand and competition** | Bitcoin Cash competes with Bitcoin, which has a much larger network, and with other fast, low-cost networks. If people stop buying, using or holding BCH, or adoption slows, the price could fall. |
| **Decentralized development** | Bitcoin Cash has no central foundation. Independent teams fund and build its software, and disagreements between them or with miners can slow progress or cause the network to split. |

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| **Forks** | Bitcoin Cash has split before, from Bitcoin in 2017 and again in 2018 into Bitcoin Cash and Bitcoin SV. Further splits could affect its value. Webull may choose not to support a fork, in which case you wouldn't receive any new assets it creates. |
| **Halving and fees** | As mining rewards shrink with each halving, miners will rely more on transaction fees. This could affect fees, or reduce the incentive to mine and secure the network. |
| **Regulation** | Rules for crypto assets are still evolving in Canada and elsewhere. No Canadian securities regulator has given an opinion on how BCH is characterized, and changes in law or government policy could affect demand. |
| **Cyber security** | Blockchain networks, and platforms like Webull and its service providers, can be targeted by cyber-attacks. Advances in technology such as quantum computing could also create new vulnerabilities. |

**This is not a complete list.** Crypto transfers are generally irreversible, and crypto assets come with limited investor protections and deposit insurance in Canada compared with many other products. Make sure you understand the risks before you trade.

## How your Bitcoin Cash is held

Webull uses third-party custodians that support BCH, including Coinbase Custody Trust Company, LLC and Coinbase Canada Inc. Coinbase has provided a SOC 2 Type 2 report on its security controls for broker, custody/vault and wallet services.

## Learn more

Bitcoincash.org

Bitcoin whitepaper (the original design)

Types of crypto assets (CSA)

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