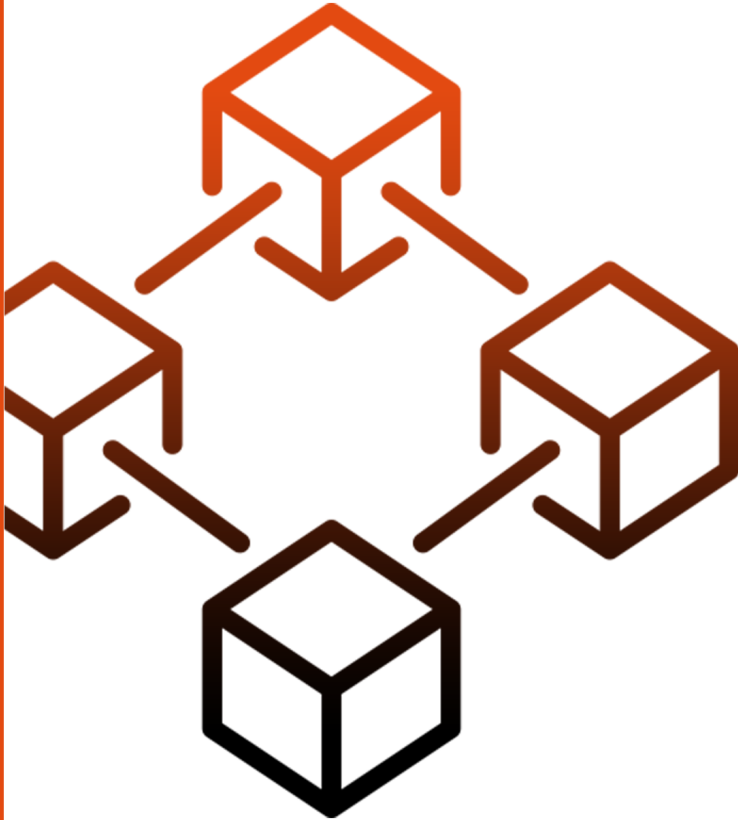


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CRYPTO WEEKLY

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Controlled Volatility with Strong Recovery

Bitcoin dipped to \$65K mid-week but recovered to \$70.5K, testing resistance at \$71K while showing market resilience.

2. Institutional Confidence Intact

BlackRock's Bitcoin ETF hit \$10B+ daily volume during volatility. ETFs closed the week with \$193M net inflows and \$54.75B AUM.

3. Whales Accumulated on Weakness

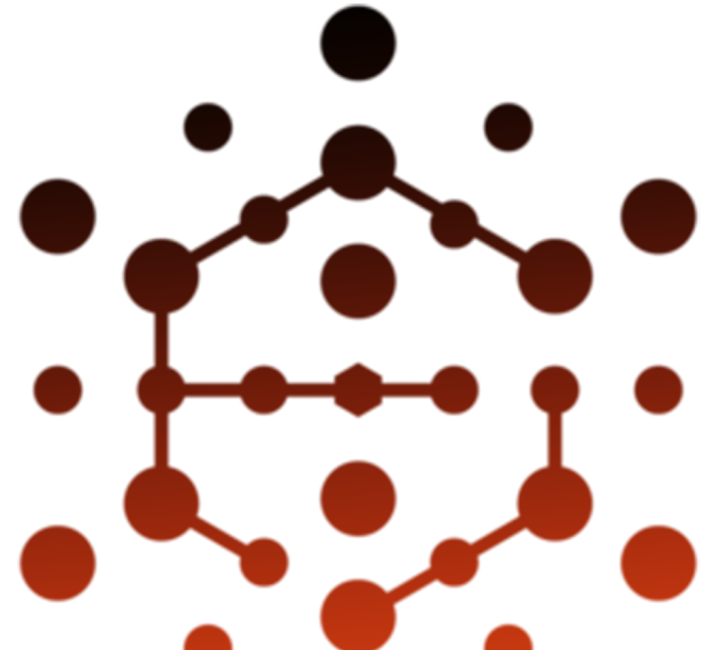
Large holders bought 18,290 BTC during the dip, while retail likely sold. Smart money positioned for recovery.

4. Altcoins Outperformed

Major alts rebounded strongly: XRP +12%, SOL +6.5%, DOGE +20%, with altcoin market cap recovering from \$640B to \$694B.

5. Macro Data Mixed but Supportive

Softer inflation (CPI 2.4% vs 2.5% expected) balanced by strong jobs data (130K vs 66K expected) created neutral-to-bullish backdrop.



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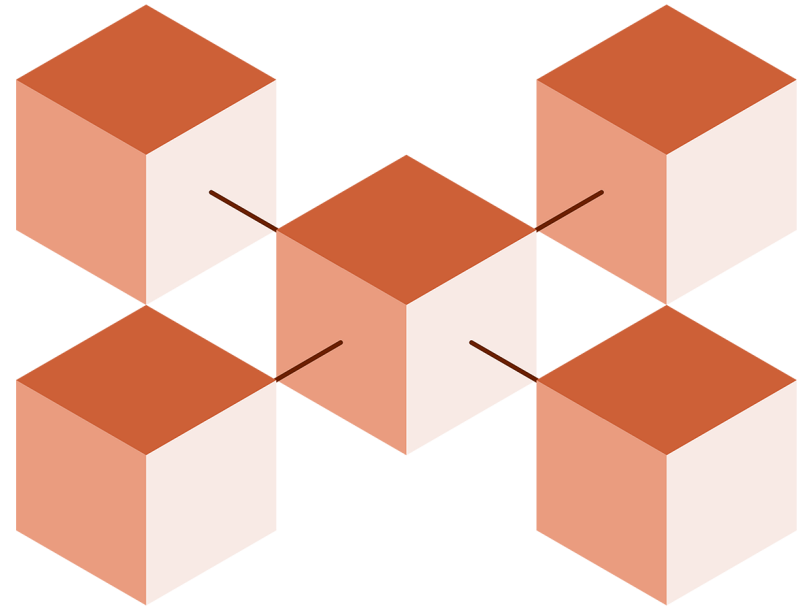
WEEKLY OVERVIEW

\$BTC	\$ETH	TOTAL	BTC.D
\$69.7K	\$2051	\$2.35T	59.10%
▲+2.1%	▲+1.9%	▲+3%	▼-0.7%

TOP STABLECOINS 7-DAY CHANGE

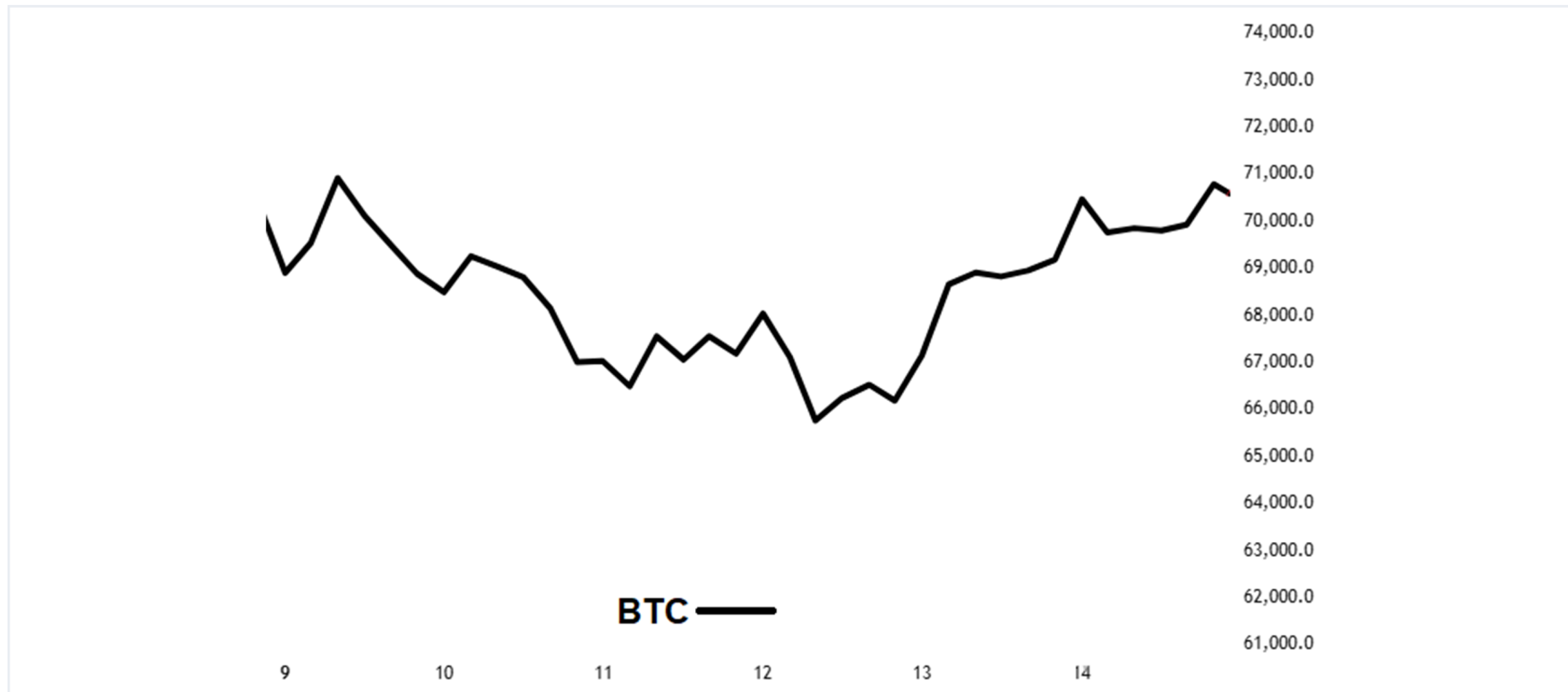
Tether USDT	USDC	USDe	DAI
\$184.10B	\$73.22B	\$6.36B	\$5.36B
▼-0.3%	▲+0.8%	▼-1.8%	▲+0.19%

BITCOIN, ETHEREUM AND TOTAL WEEKLY OVERVIEW



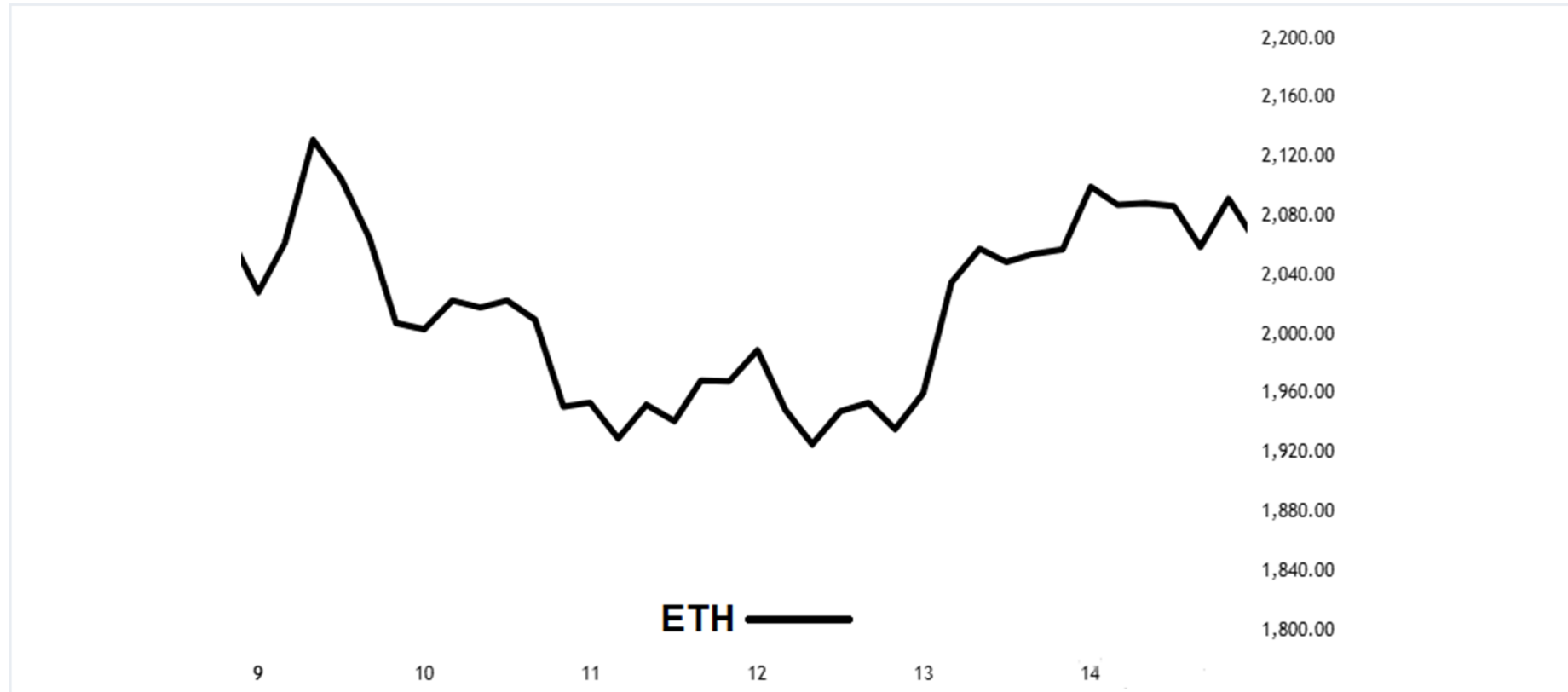
BITCOIN WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Bitcoin started the week at 69,000 and dipped to 65,000 on February 12 before climbing back to 70,500. The weekly candle closed below the 71,000 zone, which acted as strong resistance last week. Currently, Bitcoin is trading just below this main resistance level, showing that upward momentum is still testing key barriers.



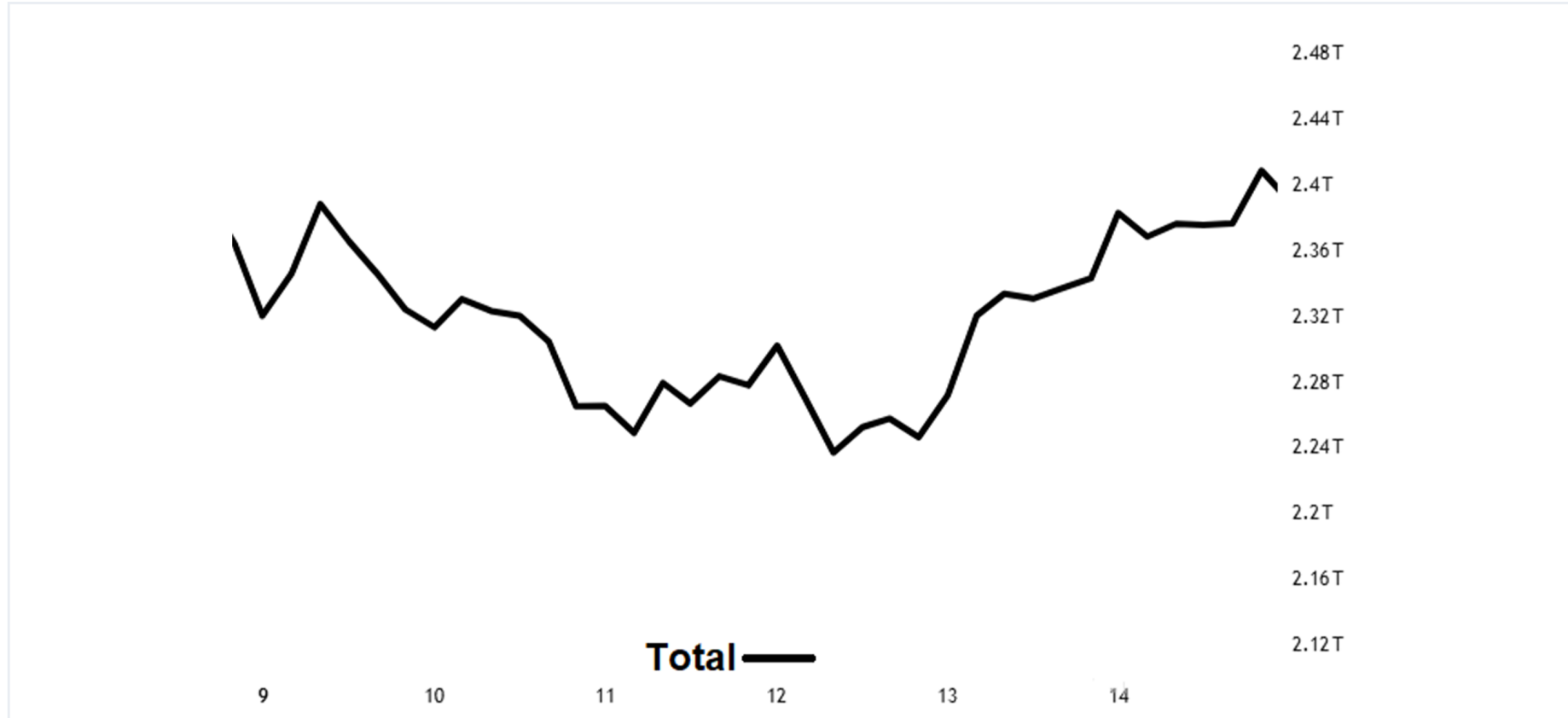
ETHEREUM WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Ethereum started the week at 2,100, touching its resistance zone, and then dropped to 1,900 before climbing back to around 2,070. ETH already gave a weekly closing below the resistance zone, and now it's trading just under this key level, showing that the market is still testing this barrier.

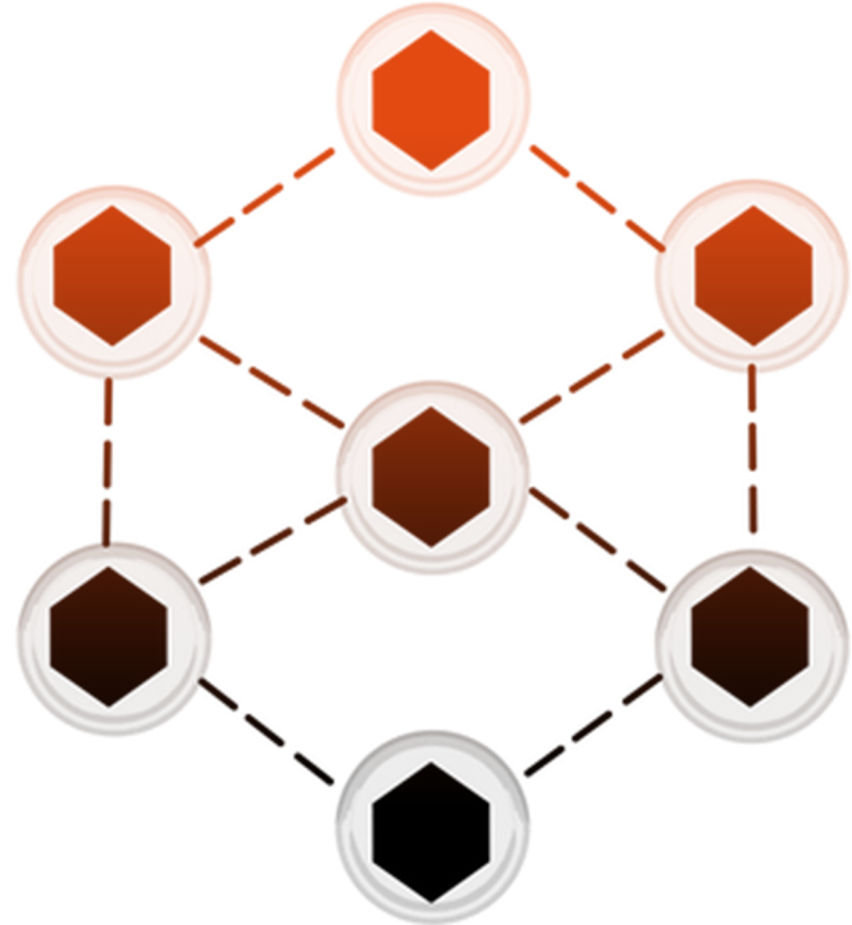


TOTAL WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Total started the week around 2.32T and dipped to 2.24T on February 12 before recovering to 2.38T. The market shows strength after the midweek dip, but it is still approaching key resistance levels from earlier in the week.

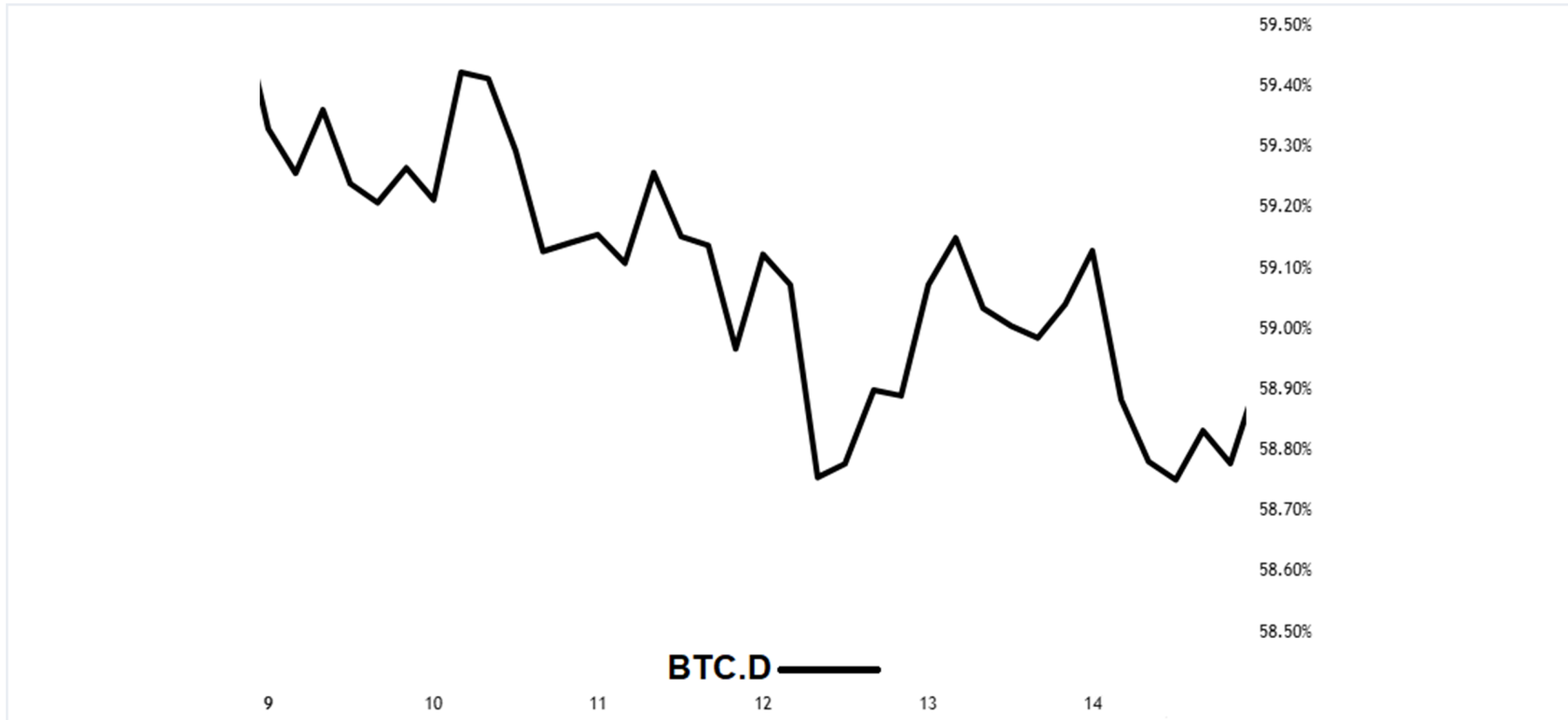


ALTCOINS AND MARKET DOMINANCE



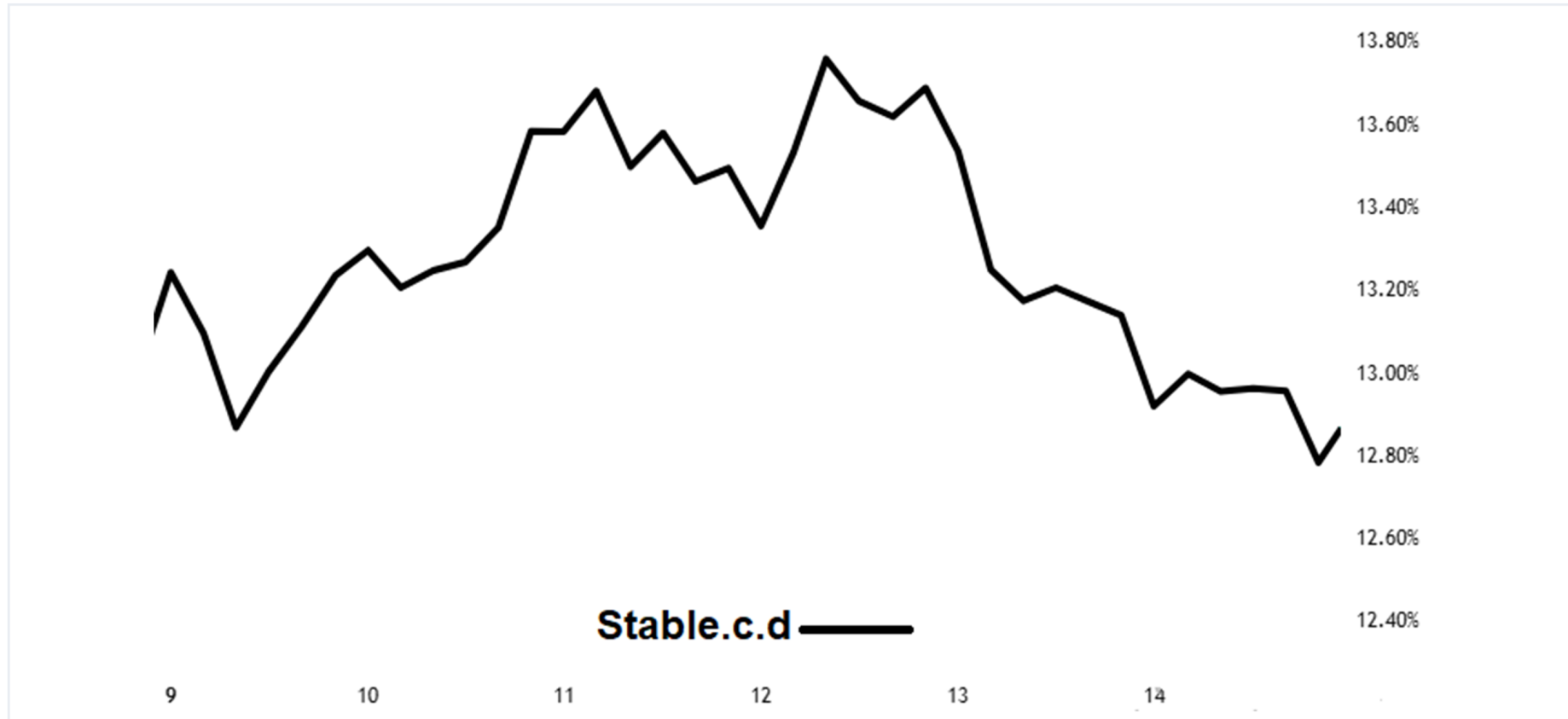
BITCOIN DOMINANCE WEEKLY OVERVIEW

BTC.D started the week around 59.32% and dipped to 59.21% before climbing to 59.42%. It then dropped to 58.75% and is now trading at 58.92%, showing minor fluctuations but remaining below last week's high.



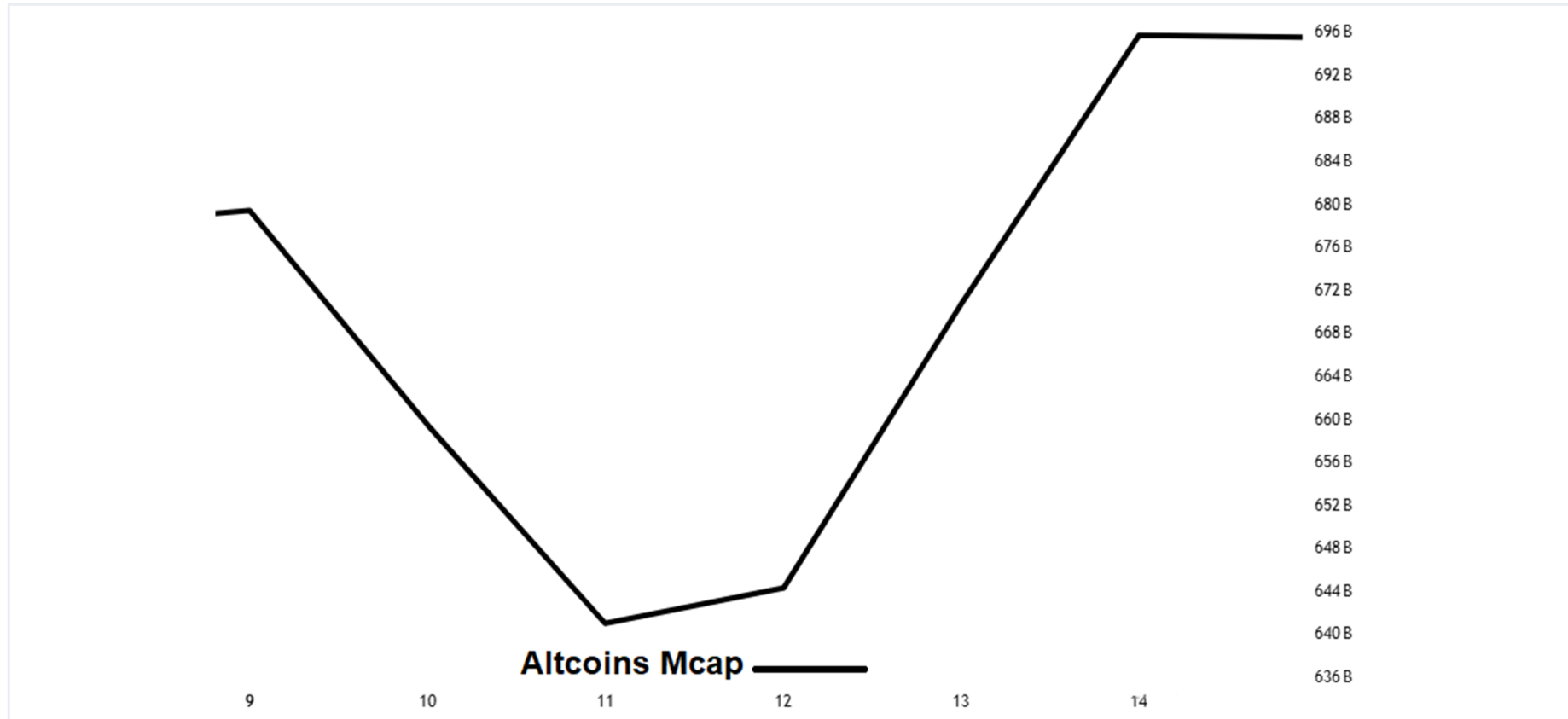
STABLECOINS DOMINANCE

Stablecoin dominance started the week at 13.23% and rose to 13.75% on February 12 before dropping to 12.9%. This shows a pullback after midweek strength, keeping it below the early-week high.



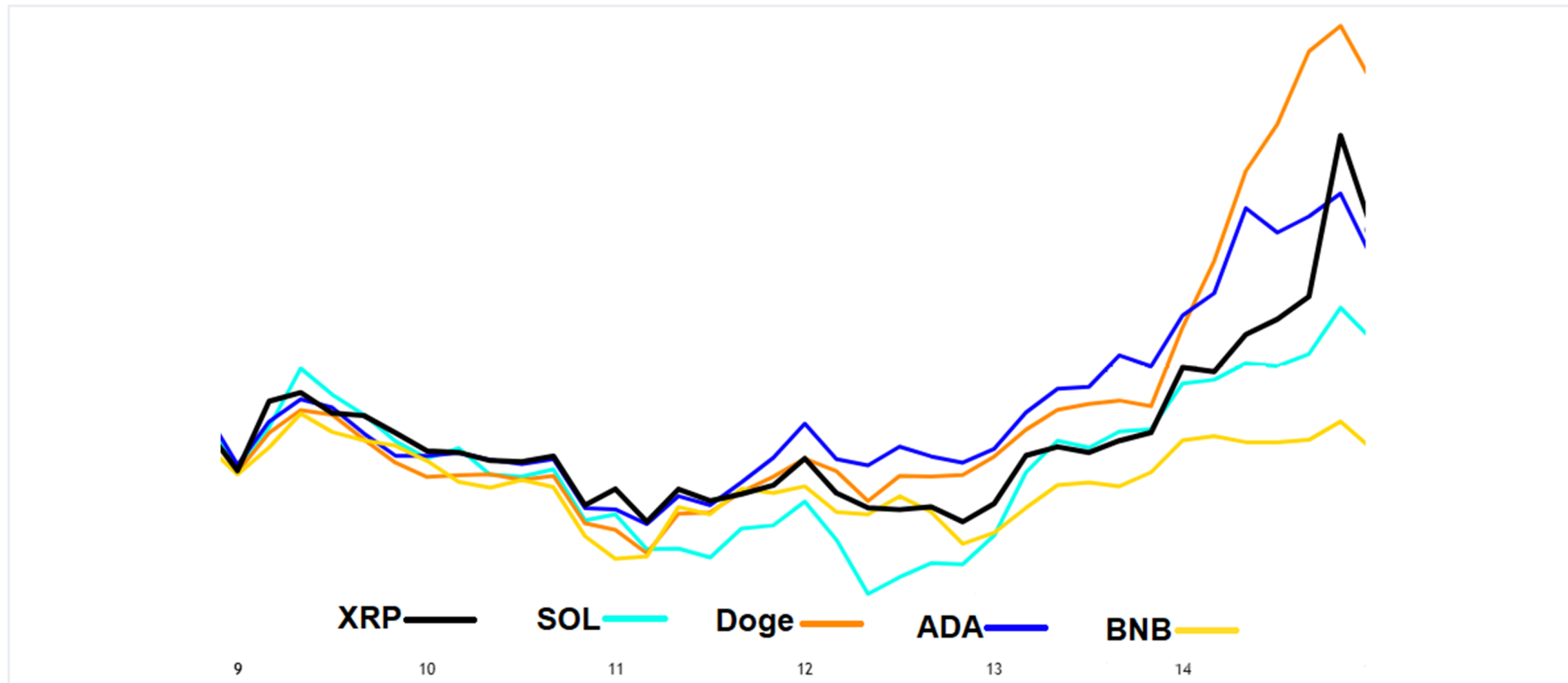
ALTCOINS MARKET CAP WEEKLY OVERVIEW

The altcoin market cap started the week at 679.5B, dropped to 640.5B on February 11, and then recovered to 695.5B on February 14. Currently, it is trading around 694.4B, showing a strong rebound after the midweek dip.






MAJOR ALTCOINS WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

XRP started the week at \$1.39, dipped to \$1.35 on February 12, and has now climbed to \$1.56. ADA began the week at \$0.26, touched \$0.25 on February 11, and is currently trading at \$0.29. Solana started the week at \$83.5, dropped to \$77.5 on February 12, and has recovered to \$89. Dogecoin began at \$0.093, fell to \$0.089 on February 11, and now trades at \$0.112. BNB started the week at \$622, touched \$592 on February 11, and is now around \$629.



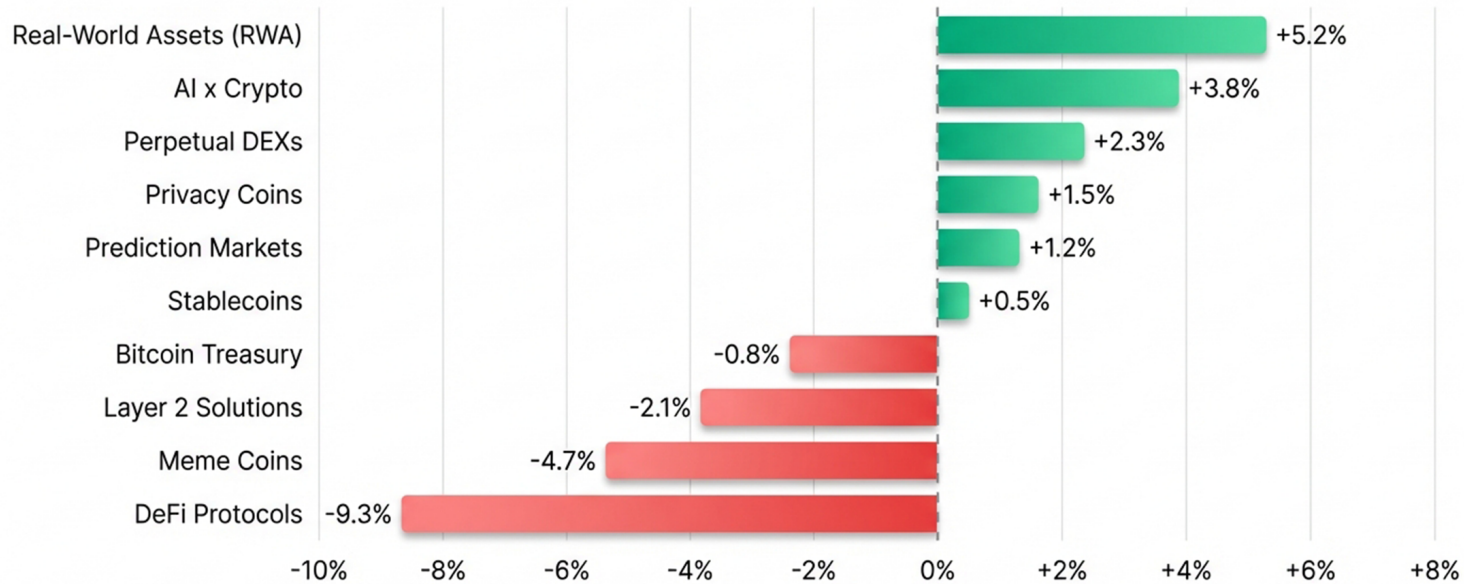
TOP GAINERS OF THE WEEK

Coin Name	Price	7-Day Change
Pippin 	\$0.7442	▲+243%
H 	\$0.2226	▲+69%
Kite 	\$0.2212	▲+35%

CRYPTO SECTORS WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

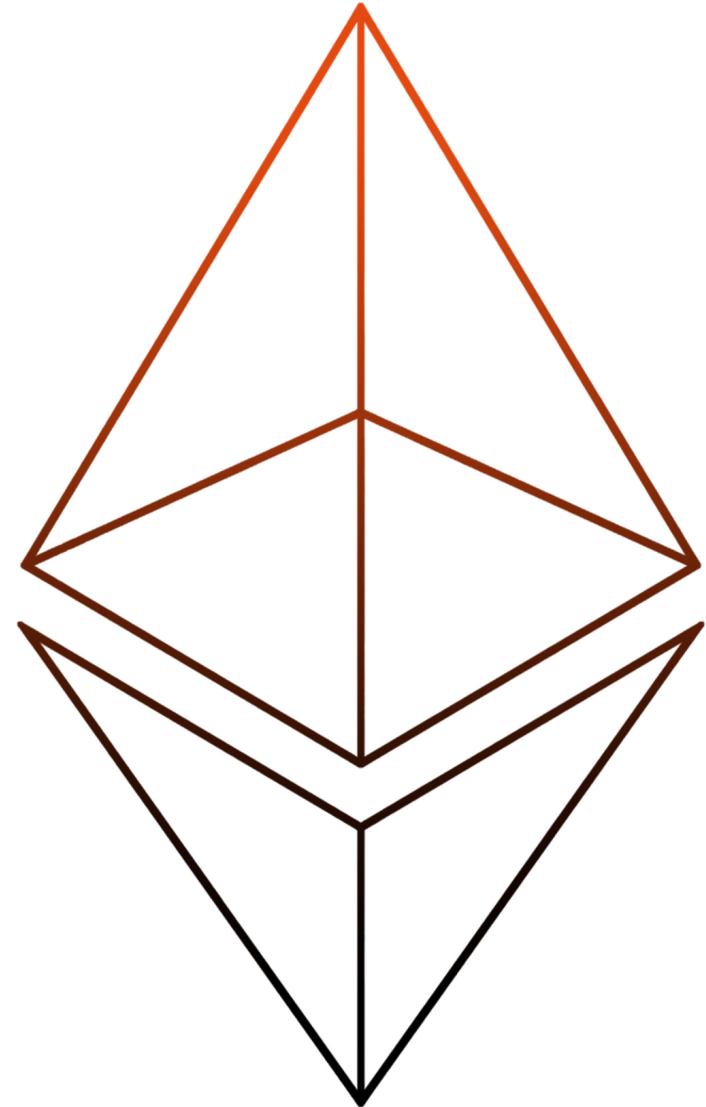
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Weekly Percentage Change



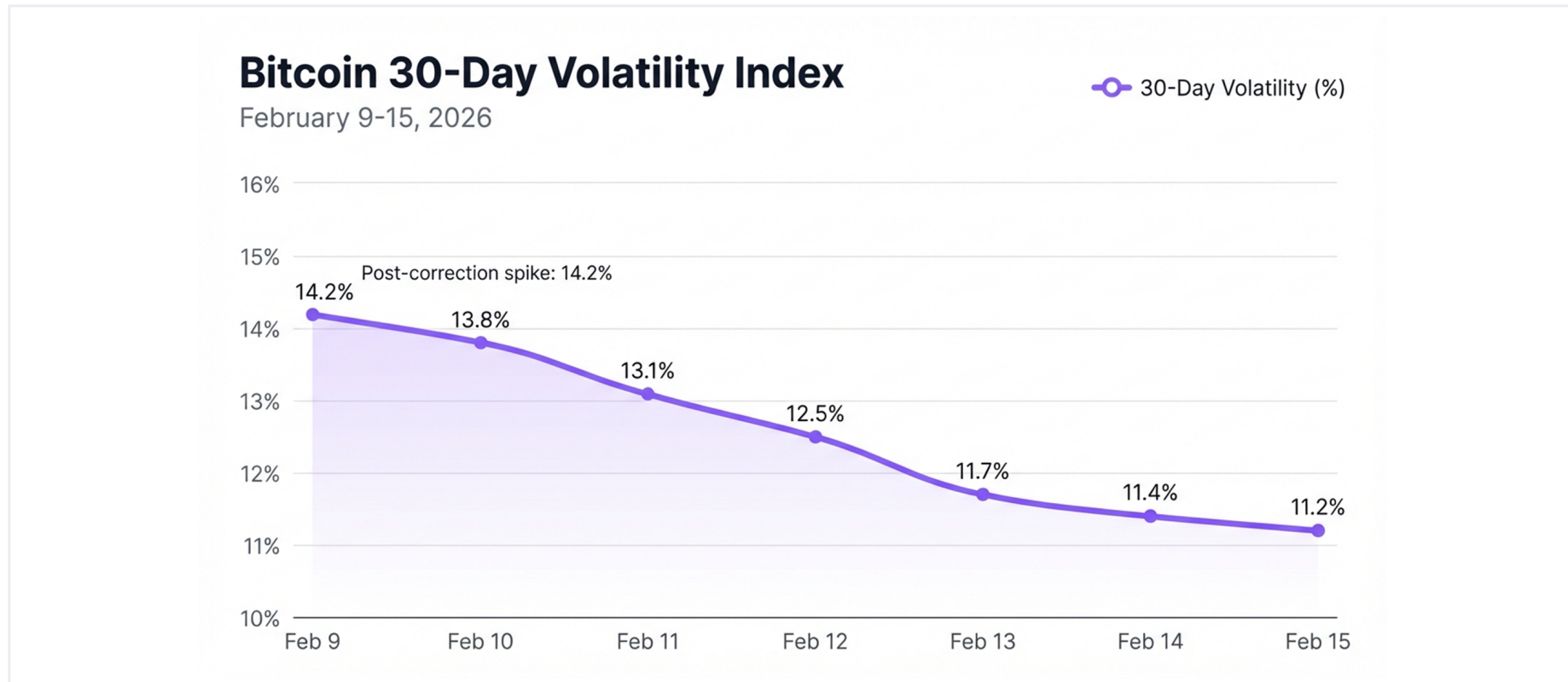
Data compiled from CoinGecko, The Block, CoinDCX, Feb 2026

MARKET SENTIMENT AND ON-CHAIN DATA



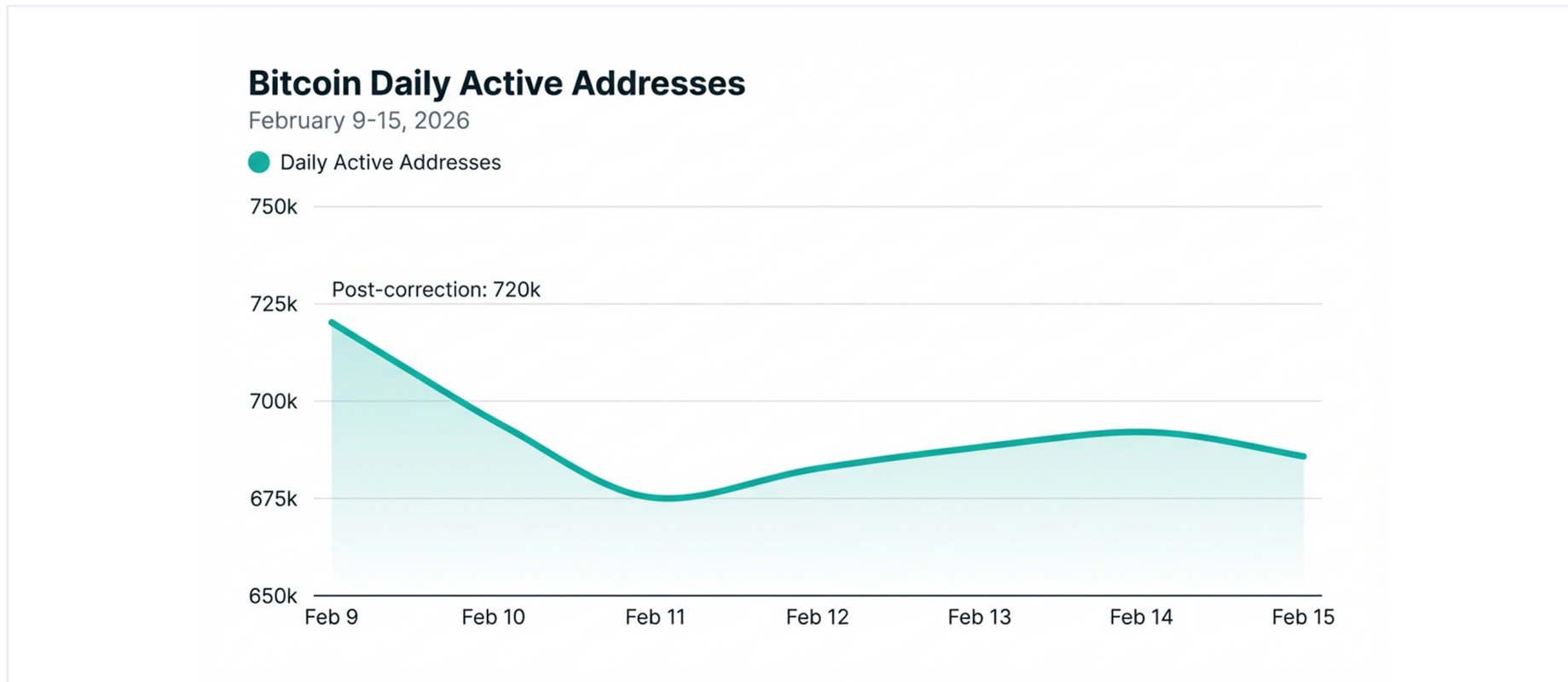
BITCOIN VOLATILITY WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Bitcoin's 30-day volatility trended lower throughout the week. It started at 14.2% following a post-correction spike and gradually declined day by day, moving to 13.8%, then 13.1%, and 12.5% midweek. The downtrend continued toward 11.7%, 11.4%, and finally settled around 11.2% by the end of the week. This steady decrease suggests that market fluctuations cooled off after the earlier spike, indicating a period of stabilizing price action and reduced short-term uncertainty.



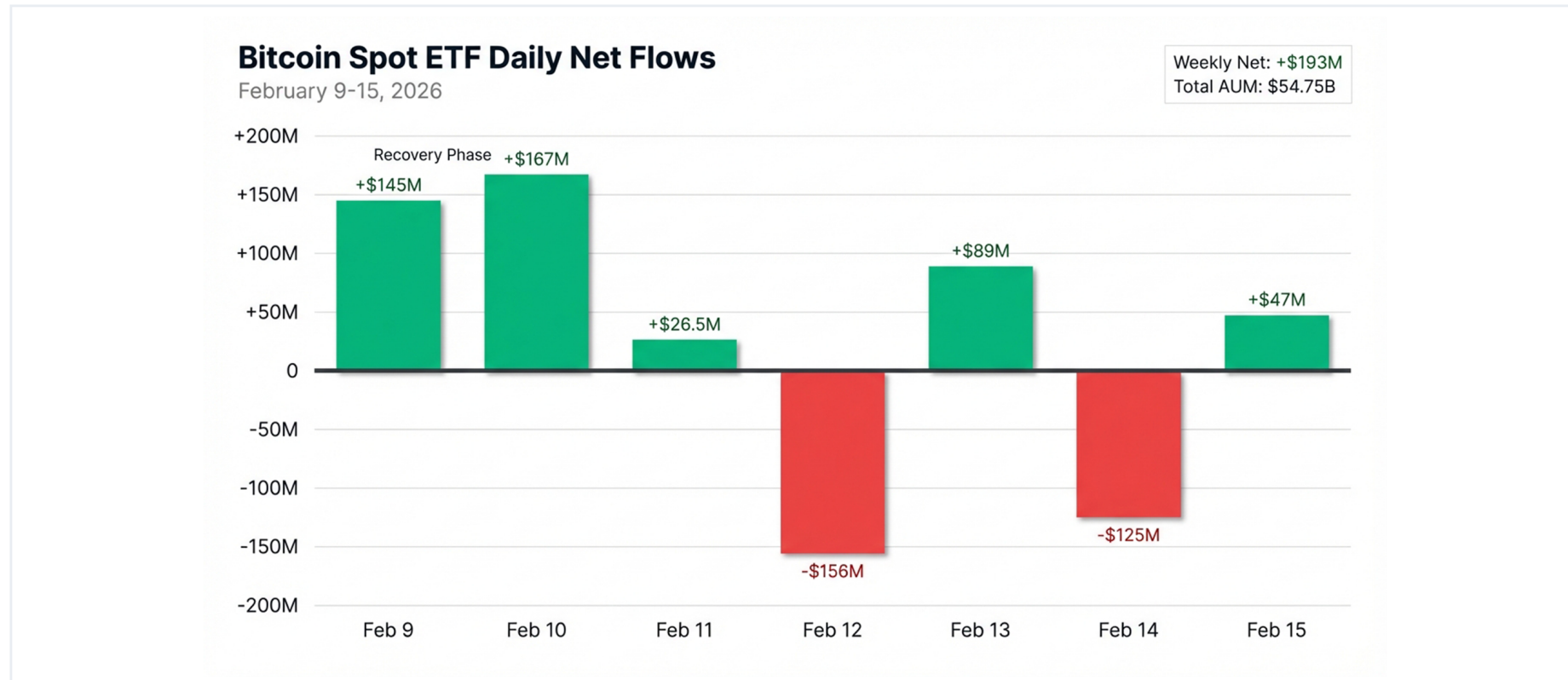
BITCOIN ACTIVE ADDRESSES WEEKLY OVERVIEW

Bitcoin daily active addresses showed a moderate decline at the start of the week. Activity began around 720k following the post-correction phase and gradually dropped to nearly 675k by midweek. After reaching this low, on-chain participation started to recover, climbing back toward the 690k range before slightly easing to around 685k into the weekend. Overall, network activity softened early in the week but stabilized and improved in the latter half, indicating a steady return of user engagement.

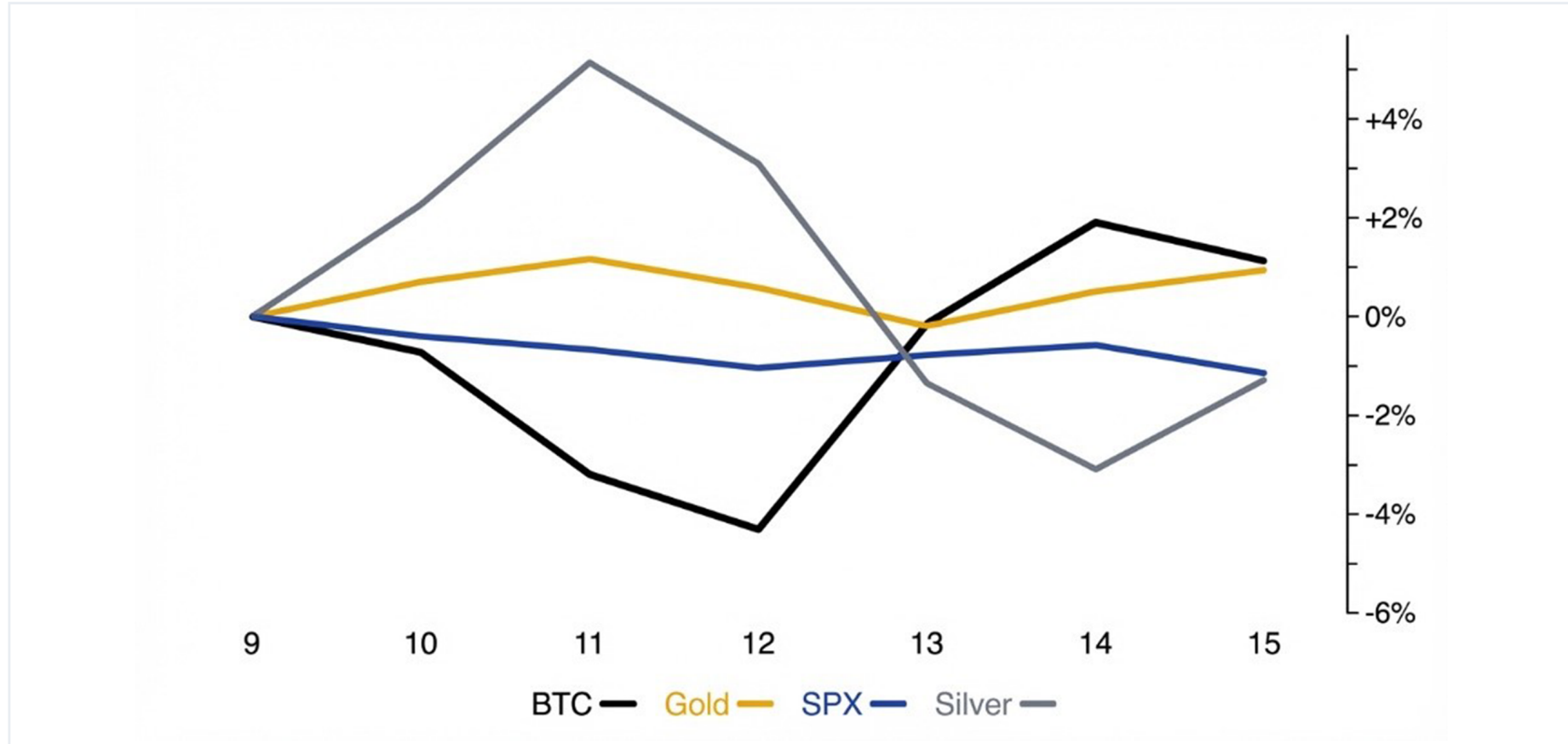


BITCOIN ETF WEEKLY OVERVIEW

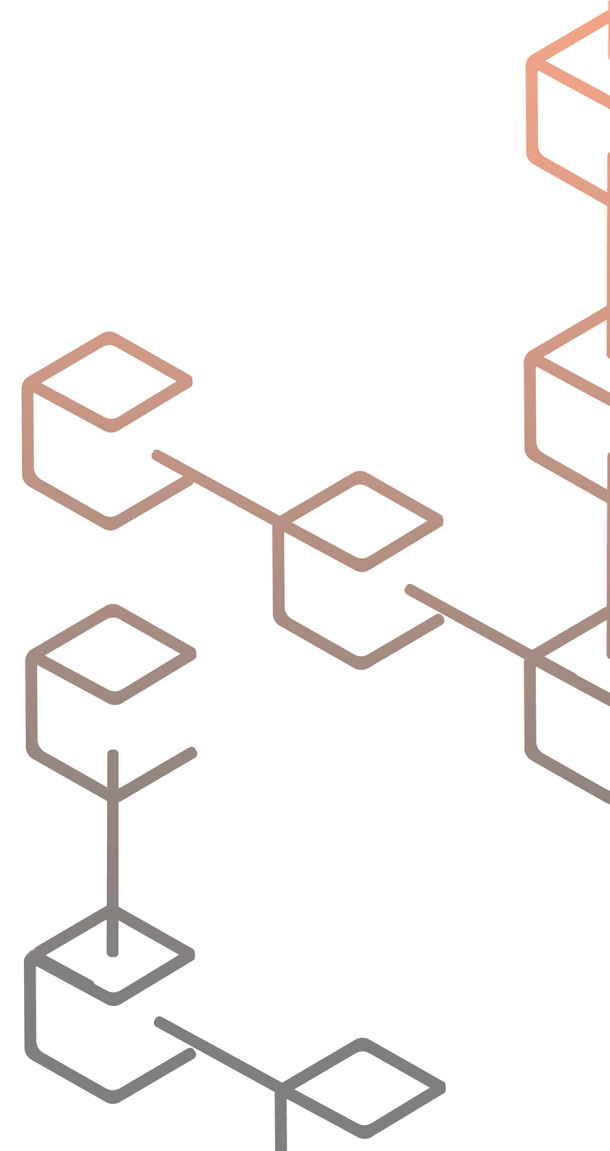
Bitcoin spot ETF flows showed a mixed but improving trend this week. The week started strong with solid inflows, showing renewed interest and steady demand. Midweek, there was a sharp pullback as outflows picked up, which slowed the overall momentum. However, the market recovered quickly, with inflows returning toward the end of the week. Overall, the week closed in positive territory with a net gain of \$193 million, and total assets under management stood at \$54.75 billion. This shows that while there was short-term pressure during the week, overall sentiment remains stable and investors are still allocating capital into Bitcoin ETFs.



MAJOR ASSETS WEEKLY OVERVIEW

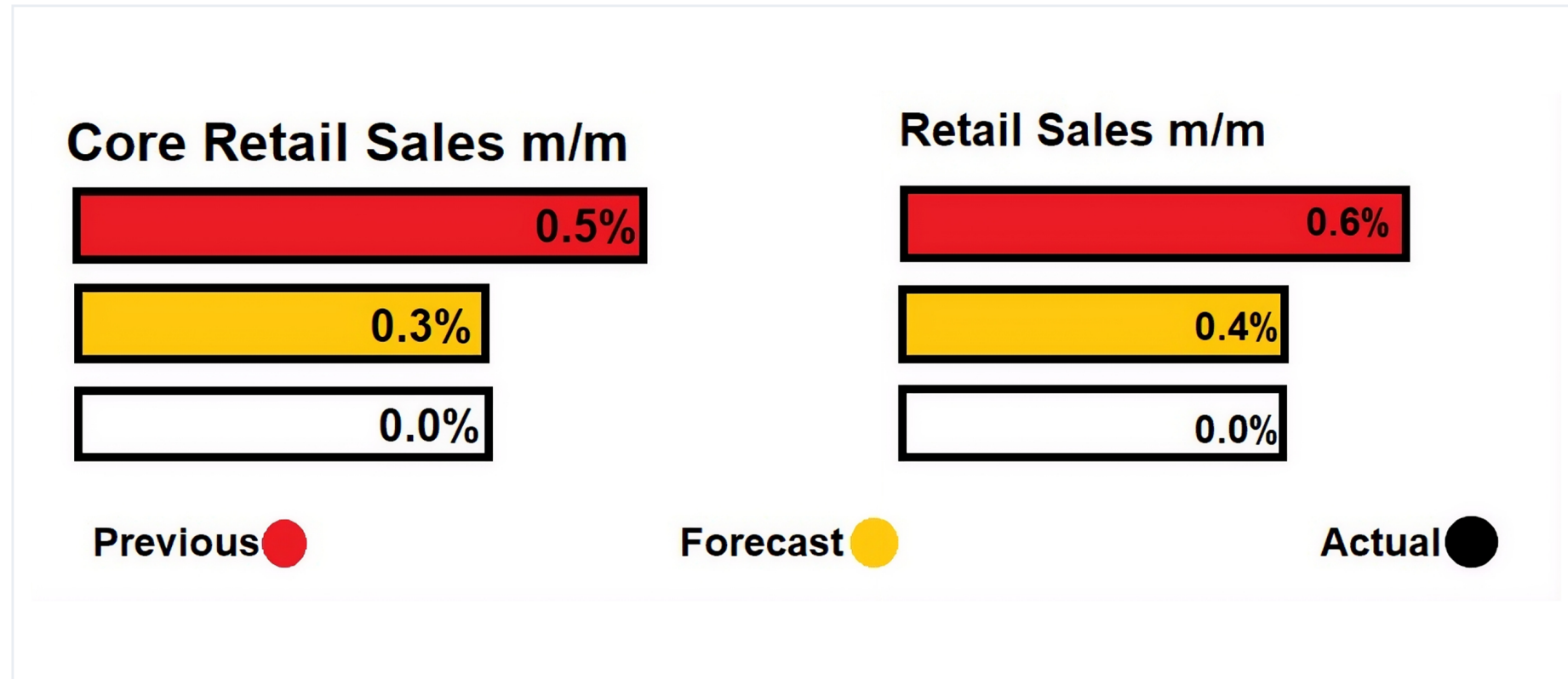


MACROECONOMICS OVERVIEW



CORE RETAILS AND RETAILS SALES

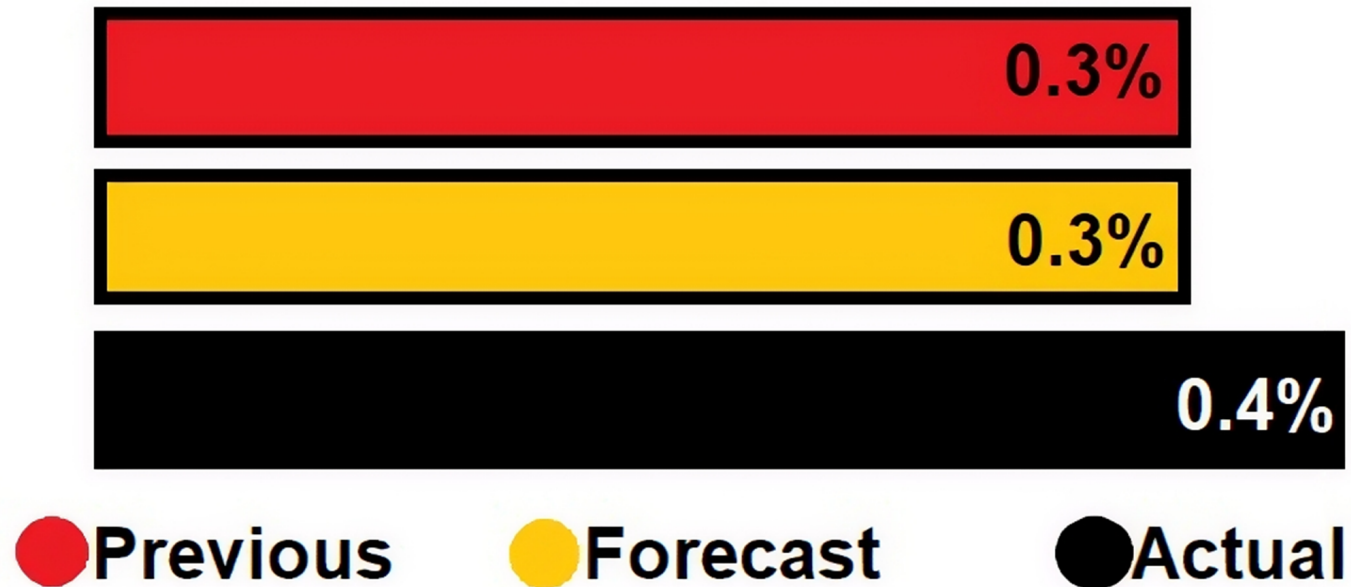
This week, Core Retail Sales m/m and Retail Sales m/m data were released, and both came in at 0.0%, below market expectations of 0.3% and 0.4%. This shows that consumer spending was flat and did not grow during the month. The softer numbers suggest that economic activity is slowing down. For the US Dollar, this is slightly negative as it lowers the chances of further interest rate hikes. However, for financial markets, the data was seen as supportive because it reduces pressure for tighter monetary policy.



AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS

This week, Average Hourly Earnings m/m data was released and it came in at 0.4%, which was higher than the forecast of 0.3% and also above the previous 0.3%. This shows that wages are growing faster than expected and the labor market remains strong. Higher wages can increase inflation pressure, so this data supported the US Dollar. At the same time, markets reacted with some caution, as strong wage growth may reduce the chances of near-term interest rate cuts.

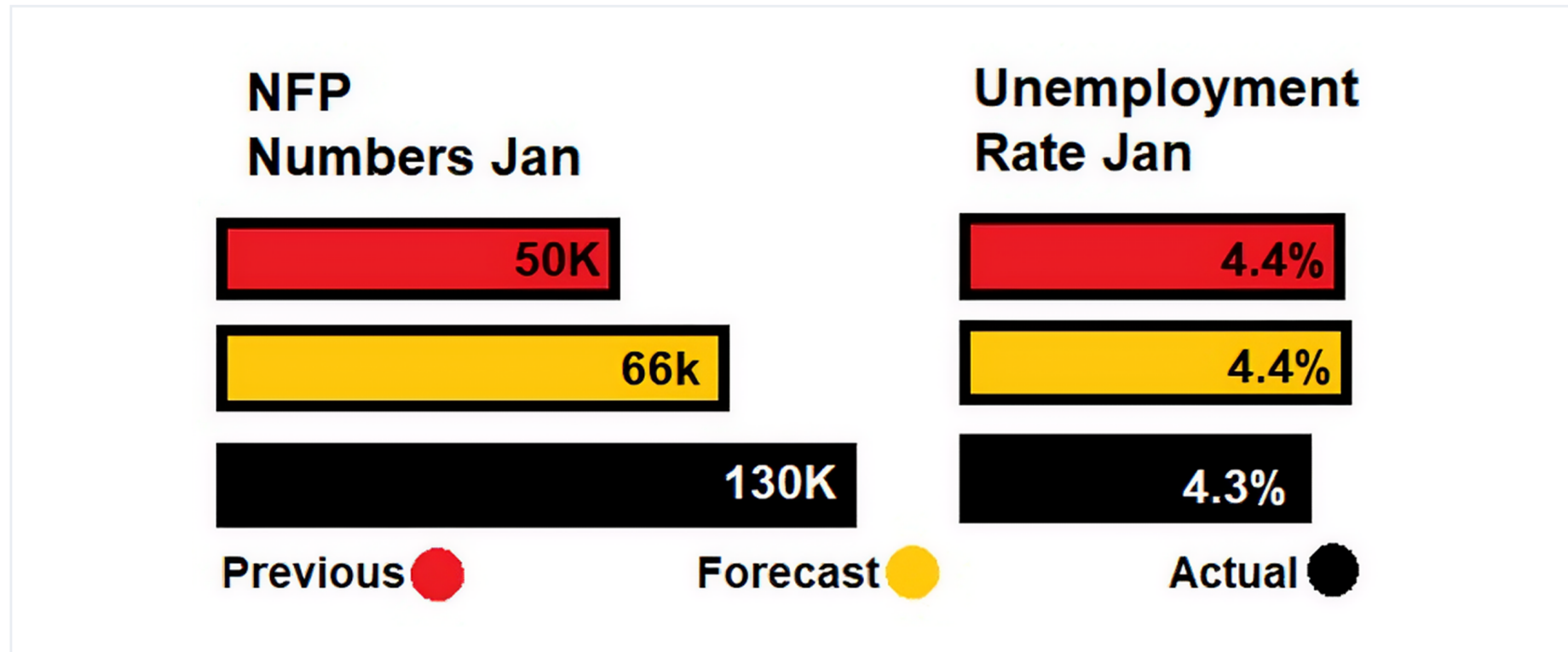
Average Hourly Earning m/m



NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT CHANGE & UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

This week, Non-Farm Employment Change and Unemployment Rate data were released. Job growth came in at 130K, much higher than the forecast of 66K and the previous 50K. This shows that more jobs were added than expected. At the same time, the unemployment rate dropped to 4.3% from 4.4%, which points to improvement in the labor market.

Overall, the data shows strong employment conditions. The US Dollar reacted positively to the stronger numbers, while markets stayed cautious as solid labor data may lower the chances of near-term interest rate cuts.

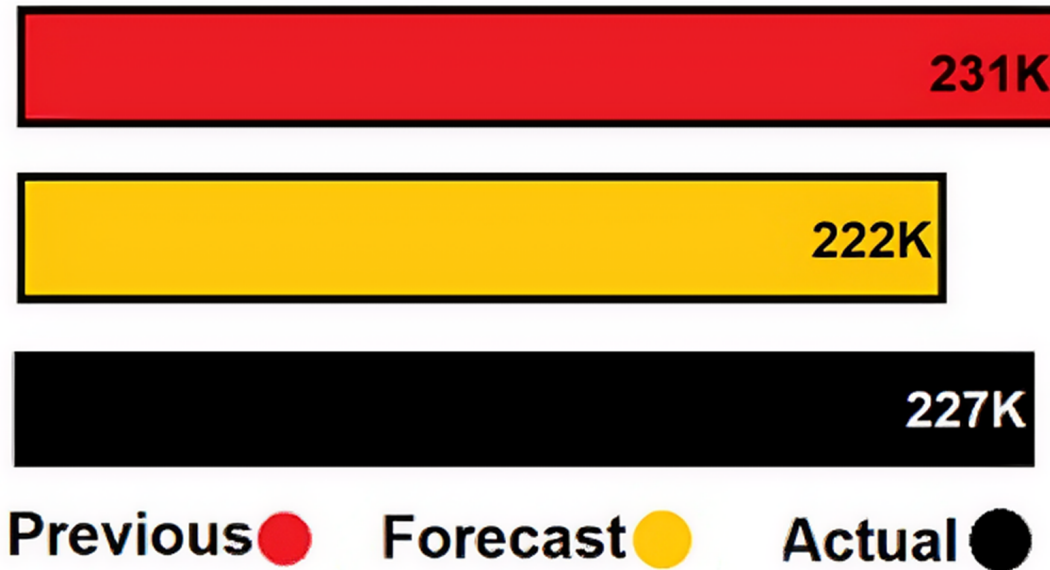


UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

This week, Unemployment Claims data was released at 227K. This was slightly lower than last week's 231K but higher than the forecast of 222K. The numbers show that the job market is still stable, but claims came in a bit above expectations.

After the release, the US Dollar remained mostly neutral with slight downside pressure, while markets stayed calm with a mildly positive tone. Overall, the labor market continues to hold steady without major changes.

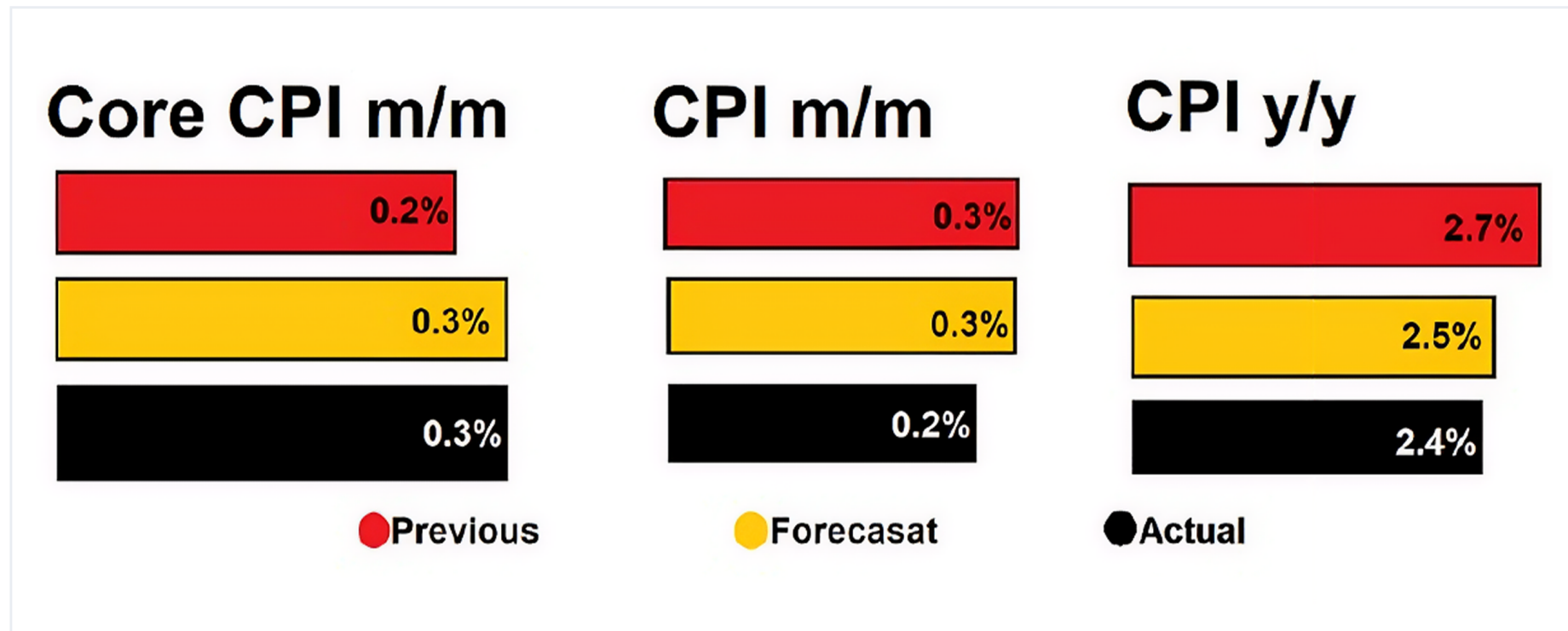
Unemployment Claims



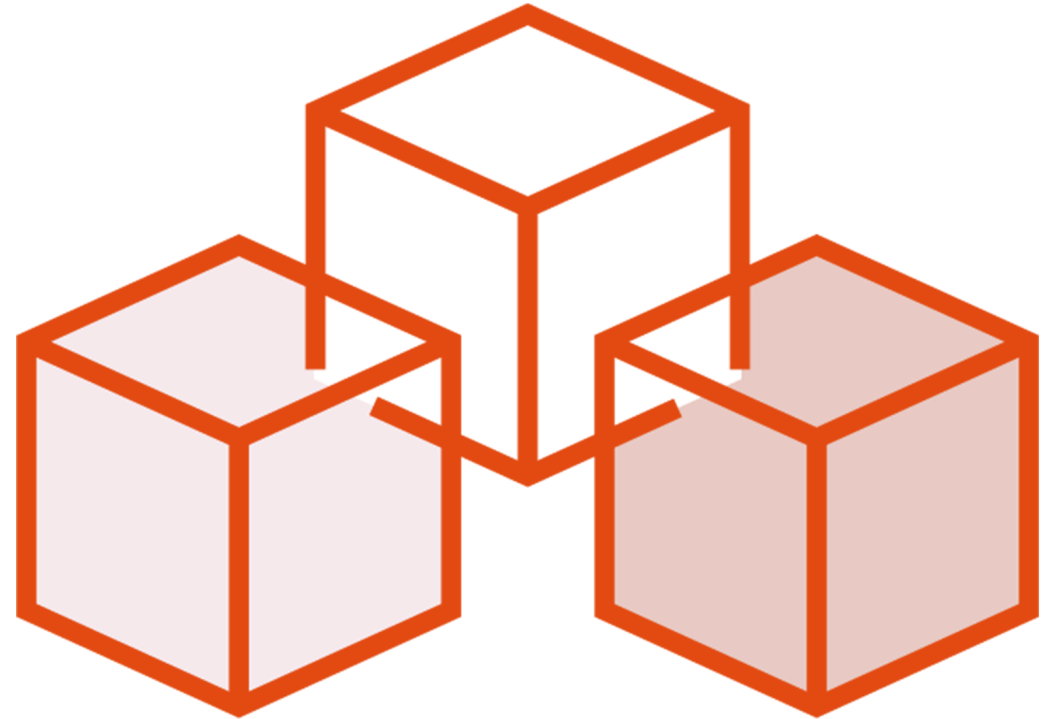
CPI DATA

This week, CPI data was released and showed mixed but slightly softer inflation numbers. Core CPI came in at 0.3%, matching expectations, which shows inflation is stable at the core level. CPI m/m was 0.2%, slightly below the 0.3% forecast, showing that monthly inflation is easing. CPI y/y came in at 2.4%, also below the expected 2.5%, which means yearly inflation is slowing more than expected.

After the release, the US Dollar faced slight pressure as lower inflation reduces the need to delay rate cuts. Markets reacted in a positive way since softer inflation increases the chances of future rate cuts. Overall, the reaction remained neutral to slightly bullish for the market.



NEWS



MARKET ACTIVITY & INSTITUTIONAL MOVES

more than \$10B in daily volume during Thursday's high volatility, showing strong institutional activity during the market selloff. At the same time, Bitcoin mining difficulty dropped by 11.16%, the biggest decline since the 2021 China mining ban. This was mainly due to Winter Storm Fern, which forced many U.S. miners to reduce operations to support power grids.

HYPERLIQUID EXPANSION & PLATFORM GROWTH

Hyperliquid launched HIP-4, which allows prediction markets and options trading on the platform. The platform's revenue has increased for three straight weeks, showing growing activity. Meanwhile, Coinbase reported a quarterly loss as crypto trading slowed down, highlighting continued pressure on centralized exchanges.

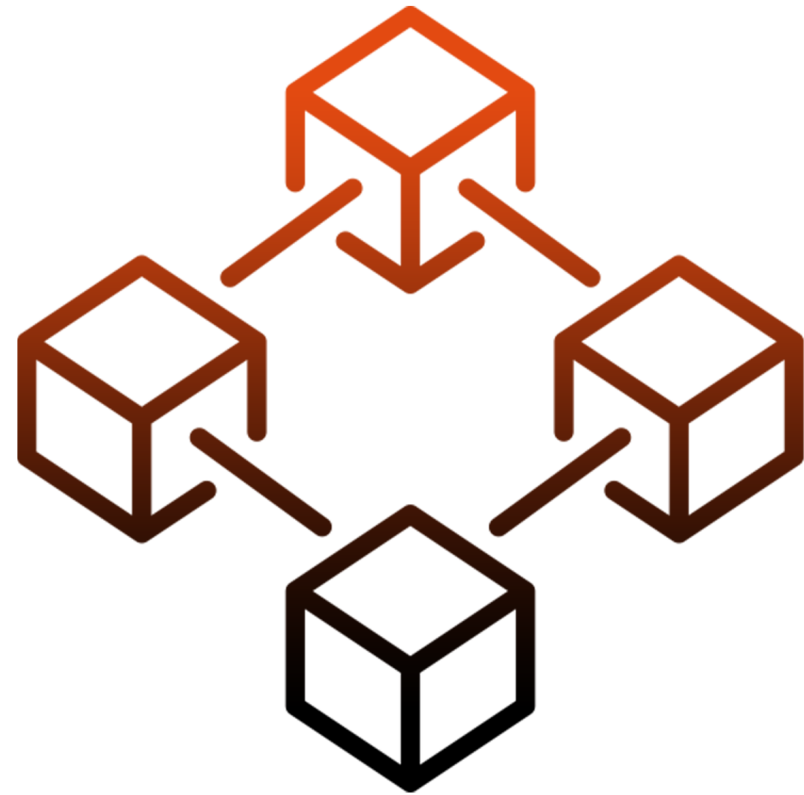
BITCOIN WHALE ACCUMULATION & EXCHANGE SUPPLY

On-chain data showed that Bitcoin whales, holding between 10 and 10,000 BTC, bought around 18,290 BTC over four days during the dip. This suggests large holders were accumulating while prices were lower. At the same time, exchange supply increased slightly, likely due to some retail selling.



TOKENIZED U.S. TREASURY GROWTH

The tokenized U.S. Treasury market crossed the \$10B mark, led by Ondo Finance, Securitize, Circle, and Superstate, showing continued growth in real-world asset tokenization. Ethereum staking participation also increased, with total staked holdings surpassing 178 million. However, short-term holder levels suggest some vulnerability if volatility continues. Overall total value locked across major chains declined, with Solana down 12.6%, but decentralized exchange volumes jumped higher, showing strong trading activity during market stress.



FINAL THOUGHTS



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The week of February 9-15 lived up to its "Controlled Chaos" title, delivering volatility that separated conviction from capitulation. What looked like weakness mid-week proved to be opportunity, with the market demonstrating remarkable resilience.

The standout narrative was the divergence between retail sentiment and institutional action. While the Fear and Greed Index plummeted to 5 mid-week, institutional players leaned in aggressively. BlackRock's IBIT recording over \$10 billion in daily volume was a clear statement: when mainstream investors panic, serious capital sees value. The whale accumulation of over 18,000 BTC during the drawdown confirms this. Smart money isn't trading headlines; they're building positions.

Bitcoin's position below \$71K resistance is textbook consolidation. Declining volatility from 14.2% to 11.2% suggests stabilization rather than breakdown. With institutional flows remaining positive (\$193M net weekly inflows), the path of least resistance may still be upward. The key question is when Bitcoin will break through \$71K decisively.

Altcoin performance adds depth to this narrative. XRP's 12% gain, Solana's recovery to \$89, and Dogecoin's 20% pop signal healthy market rotation and genuine demand for alternative assets. The altcoin market cap's \$54B recovery suggests this isn't just speculation.

From a macro perspective, we're in an interesting sweet spot. Inflation is cooling (CPI at 2.4% vs 2.5% expected) while the labor market remains robust (130K jobs vs 66K expected). This combination is arguably the best-case scenario for risk assets.

Broader ecosystem developments deserve attention. The tokenized treasury market crossing \$10B and Ethereum staking surpassing 178 million ETH are building blocks for sustainable growth, not flash-in-the-pan trends.

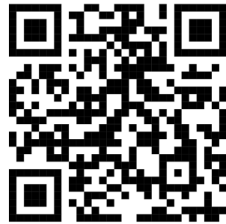
Looking ahead, Bitcoin needs to reclaim \$71K to confirm the next leg up. However, with declining volatility, recovering sentiment, and persistent institutional interest, the market appears to be coiling for a move rather than breaking down. The biggest risk remains external shocks, but the technical setup suggests dips are more likely to be bought than sold.

In short, this week tested conviction and rewarded patience. The volatility shook out weak hands while smart money accumulated. The market's ability to hold current levels and break resistance will determine whether this was consolidation or the final shakeout before a sustained move higher.

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