

MARKET

The market capitalization was down this past week. The market capitalization today (02/19/22) sits at 1.833 trillion USD down 10 billion.

Bitcoin dominance remained steady at 41.5% with the price of Bitcoin (BTC) down to around \$39.8K per coin. As BTC goes, so goes the market. This won't always be the case, but it is how the markets work today.

To keep tabs on the crypto market:

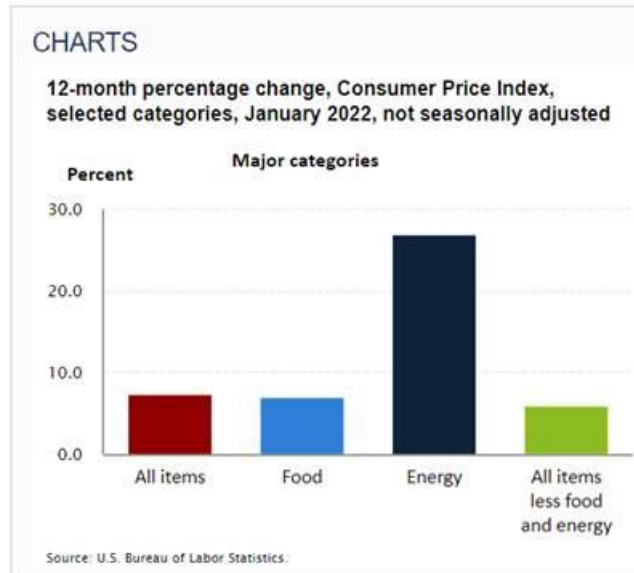
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Choose your coins wisely!

INFLATION HEDGE

There have been all sorts of reports on the huge increase in inflation. You can see it everywhere in the economy. Gas prices, food, automobiles are the most often cited. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics has inflation increasing at an annual rate of 7.5%. Is this the real rate of inflation? I do not believe so.



John Williams, the founder of Shadow Stats (<https://shadowstats.com>) calculates inflation at a much higher rate. John, who used to work for the US Bureau of Labor, uses the old calculations from the 1990's and 1980's to provide a more realistic picture. Using the 1990's algorithm (Chart 2), inflation is running around 12%. Using the 1980's algorithm (Chart 3), inflation is upwards of 15%.

The Key takeaway this week is to protect your portfolio with non-dollar denominated assets. In my opinion, this now includes Cryptocurrencies!

Look to alternative investments to hedge against inflation!



XRP is the 6th ranked cryptocurrency in terms of market cap.

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RIPPLE (XRP)

The price of Ripple (XRP) was flat this past week. XRP is currently trading at \$.78 USD. The SEC lawsuits continues....The pundits continue to favor a positive outcome for Ripple. But it is certainly taking a loooooonnnnnnggggg time to settle.

HEADLINE NEWS

- [XRP 'mega whales' scoop up over \\$700M in second-biggest accumulation spree in history \(cointelegraph.com\)](#)
- [Ripple v. SEC: Attorney Hogan on the SEC's BIG BLUNDER. That's all. - YouTube](#)

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