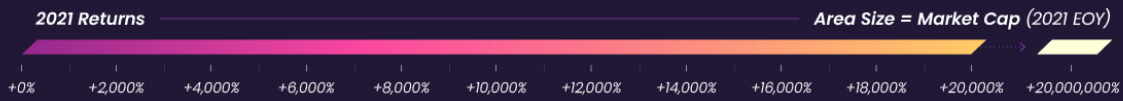


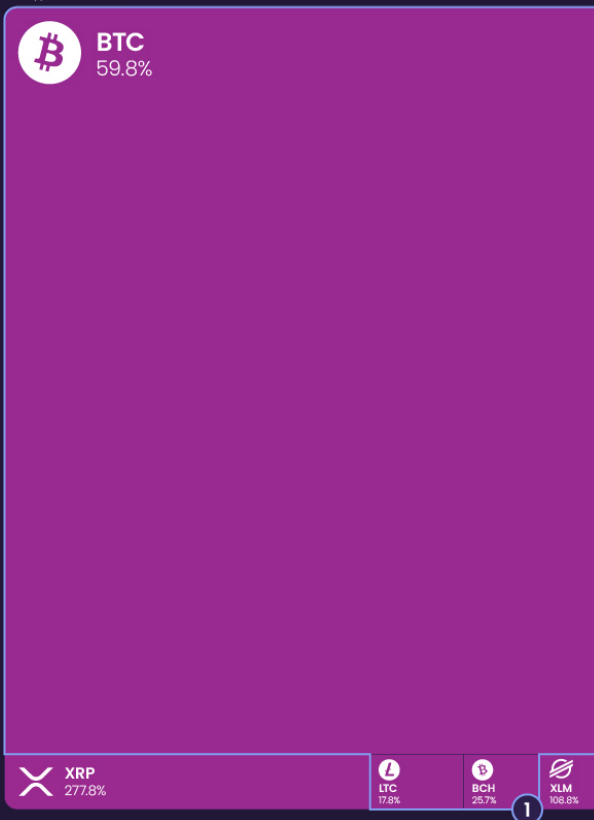
The Performance of The Top Cryptocurrencies in 2021



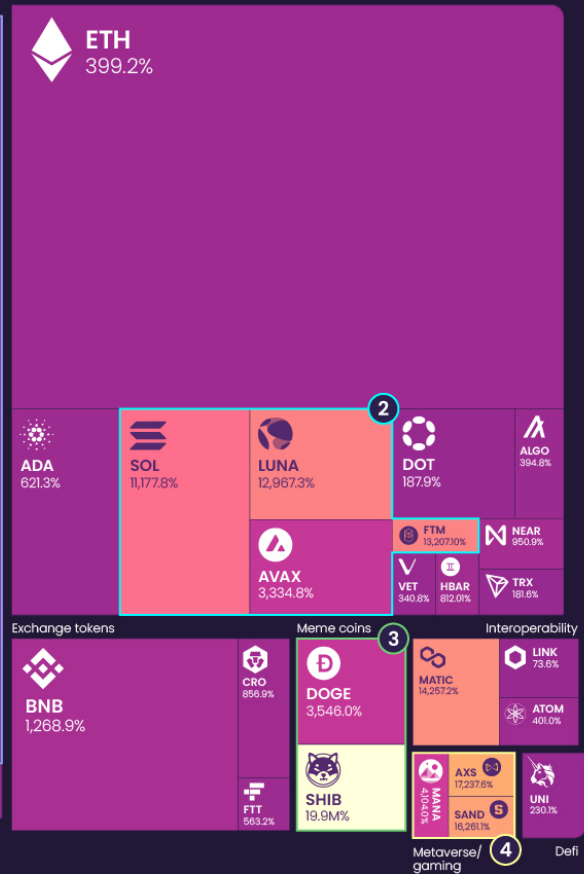
The crypto sector had a breakout year, with many of the top coins outperforming bitcoin.



Cryptocurrencies



Smart contract platforms



1 Dinosaur Coins

The old guard of bitcoin and its forks had an underwhelming year. Other old school altcoins like Cardano, Stellar Lumens, and XRP also failed to compete with the newer coins.

2 Alternative Layer 1s/Smart Contract Platforms

While Ethereum greatly outperformed bitcoin, its high gas fees resulted in users exploring other smart contract platforms as alternatives. These new "layer one" platforms and their ecosystems of Dapps were some of the strongest performers this year.

3 Meme Coins

While Dogecoin has been a crypto staple since 2013, Elon Musk's appreciation for the meme coin led to an unprecedented surge. Spinoff "dog coins" like Shiba Inu also boomed, with SHIB being the top performer of last year.

4 The New Meta

Axie Infinity established itself as the top gaming project in the crypto space, and metaverse projects like Sandbox and Decentraland surged in Q4'2021 when Facebook announced its name change to Meta.

After Facebook's name change to Meta:

