
A serial cracker stole millions of dollars' worth of bitcoin. On October 2, 2017 at 12:01 AM UTC, the first ever Bitcoin Cash (BCH) block was mined. At time of writing (October 3), there has been 1,818 blocks mined since the fork took place with a 24 hour block time. On November 14th, 2017 it will be two years since that first BCH block was mined and only 666 blocks have been mined in that period. The balance of coins held by all early miners would currently be around 135 million coins -- roughly 0.5% of the total supply -- with none appearing to belong to this group or any other group for that matter. So the following is purely speculative -- but an official statement was released by the operator of the world's biggest bitcoin mining pool. Based on current difficulty statistics, it appears that all of this group's bitcoins will be mined in 6 years. This 6 year period seems to represent a period of reduced profitability with miners now being able to squeeze out just a little bit more per day from their farms before having to replace hardware and restructure their operation. In this 4 year period there has been a very steady increase in difficulty as new asics have been produced globally as well as a variety of other equipment being built and so on. For this group of miners, the 6 year period represents the time when they are expected to replace their hardware and start over. It is not likely that this information will be shared by this individual or any other member of this group so it is unlikely to have any effect on how many coins are mined over the next 6 years. However, if investors/gamblers/holders were able to strategize around these sort of data points it would represent an interesting set of information for investors/gamblers/holders. This group has been called "the most mysterious bitcoin miner in the world" due to no one knowing who they are or anything about them although it is believed that he or she lives in China. It is also believed that they are responsible for mining nearly half of the world's bitcoin. The person or persons in this group mine about 3,600 bitcoins a month. If there are four members that makes it about 1,000 bitcoins each per month. If there are three people in this group then each gets 1,200 bitcoins per month. It is also rumored that this person or persons may use any excess mining capacity to mine other cryptocurrencies like Ethereum, Dash and Litecoin which would bring the amount of coins mined even higher than the above estimates. The following is speculative based on how many coins were mined by early miners relative to the total amount of coins that will be ever be mined (which experts predict will be 2099). This estimate does not include coins mined by this person or any other member of this group. This speculation is based on how much growth has occurred in difficulty over the past four years and the recent increase in difficulty. The following table lists each mining company and when they started mining.

The following table lists companies that have owned companies that mine bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies:

Currently, if this person or people were to sell their bitcoins it would total around \$17,000,000 USD. This amount would represent over 13% of the \$2.

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