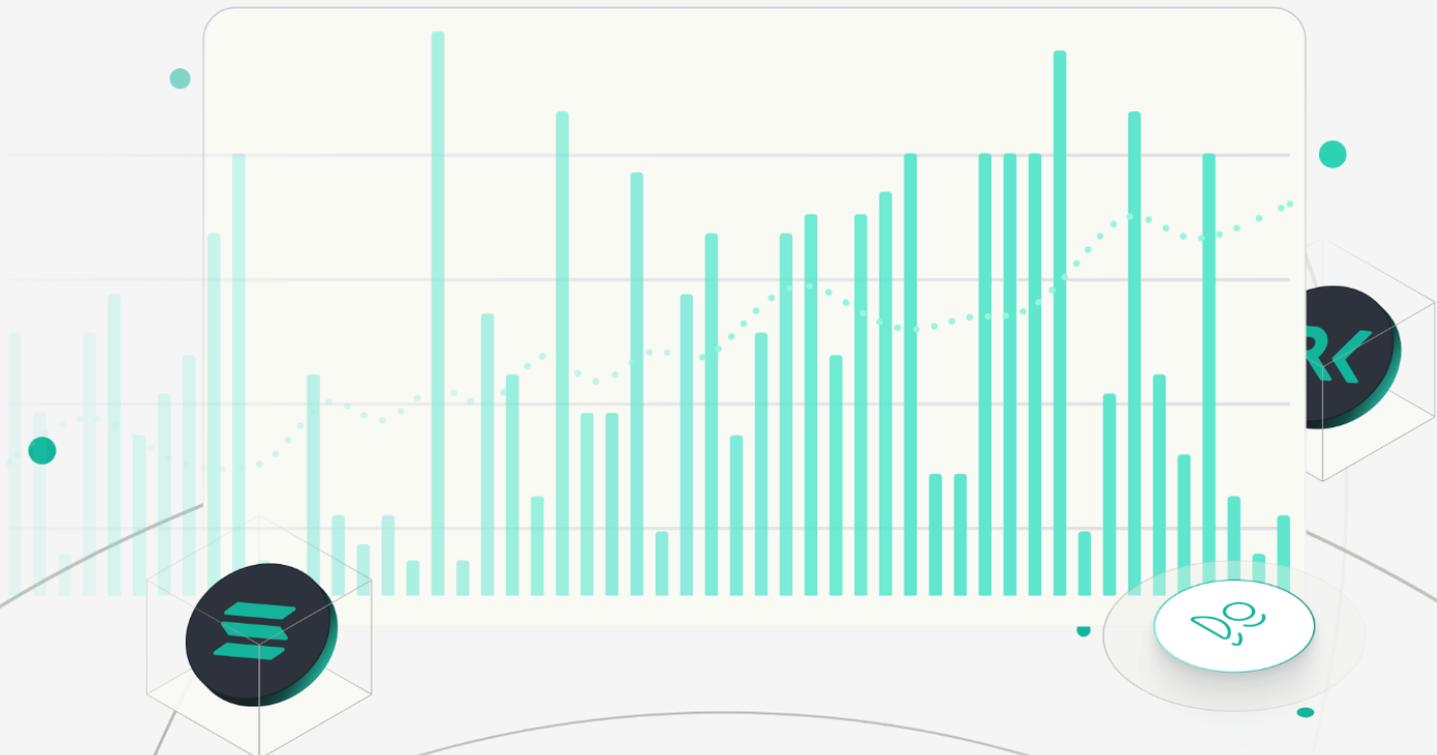




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Starke Finance Solana Validator

Report: January 2026



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Monthly Report



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Summary

In January, Starke Finance continued to deliver strong and dependable performance within the Solana validator ecosystem, reinforcing our position as a trusted and high-performing network participant. With a 0% commission model on both base staking rewards and Jito MEV rewards, delegators once again captured the full value of their stake while benefiting from consistent validator reliability.

Returns remained competitive throughout the month, with Starke Finance achieving an average APY of 6.29%, outperforming the cluster average by 25 basis points. Operational execution was equally robust, supported by 99.98% uptime, strong vote accuracy, and highly reliable leader slot performance across the epoch set.

Staking engagement also showed meaningful growth. Total SOL staked increased by 12.74% over the month, driven by renewed institutional participation through Jito BAM adoption program (JitoSOL JIP-28) and SOL Strategies' STKESOL, alongside continued organic inflows from the community. Stake accounts expanded significantly as well, reflecting rising delegator interest and a steadily broadening staking base.

By month-end, Starke Finance maintained a well-diversified delegation profile across leading staking pools, institutional partners, and independent delegators. As Solana continues to mature, Starke Finance remains focused on delivering secure, transparent, and performance-driven validation, positioning us for sustained growth and long-term value creation for our delegators.



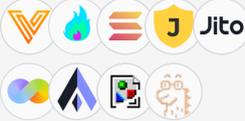
General Overview

Starke Finance has been an active participant in the Solana validator ecosystem since April 2024, maintaining a strong and consistent operational record throughout our time on the network. We have demonstrated reliability, stability, and a commitment to best practices, contributing to the overall security and decentralization of the Solana ecosystem.

In January, we upgraded from version 3.0.12 to 3.0.14, placing Starke Finance among the 43.5% of Solana validators already running the latest Agave release. Operating under the identity key [3s97yjq2MhoPVPC3U9VeE3Z5S643Pweovg88ysvrQPw5](#), our validator now delivers greater stability, improved transaction processing, and optimized resource utilization, ensuring full alignment with Solana’s most recent network advancements.

With a 0% commission on both standard staking rewards and Jito MEV rewards, we enable delegators to maximize their yield from their stake. This competitive reward structure, combined with our consistent operational performance, reinforces Starke Finance’s reputation as a dependable, performance-driven validator and a trusted contributor to the network.

In addition to our technical excellence, we place a strong emphasis on security and regulatory compliance. We adhere to ISO 27001 and SOC 2 standards, underscoring our dedication to maintaining the highest levels of operational integrity and data protection.

Total Staked 266,159 \$27,126,922	Number of Stakers 297	Skip Rate (30-Day) 0.93% Skipped Blocks	Uptime (30-Day) 99.98% Detailed status
APY 6.27%	Commissions 0% 0% MEV commission	Stake Pools 	Validator Address 3s97yjq2MhoPVPC3U9VeE3Z5S643Pweovg88ysvrQPw5

Source: [Starke Finance](#) (as of January 31, 2025).

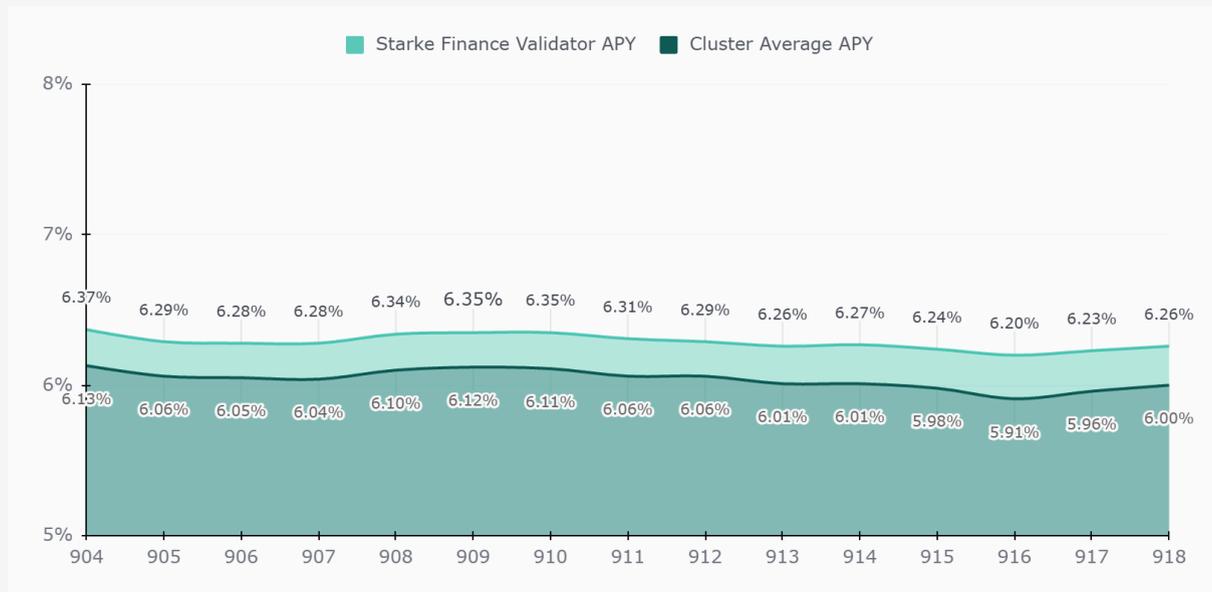
Validator Performance

This section details key Solana validator performance metrics from Starke Finance’s operations over Epochs 904–918 (December 31, 2025 – January 30, 2026), providing an in-depth look at yield for delegators, uptime, and overall staking efficiency during the month.

APY

In January 2026, Starke Finance continued to demonstrate strong validator performance, consistently delivering staking returns above the broader network average. Across Epochs 904–918, our validator achieved an average APY of 6.29%, exceeding the cluster average of 6.04% by 25 basis points.

This sustained outperformance reflects the strength of our zero-commission approach, reliable uptime, and active participation in consensus, ensuring optimized rewards for our delegators.



Source: [JPool](#).

APY is based on a 10–epoch median, combining base staking and Jito MEV yields.

Why Solana's average APY has been declining

- **More staked SOL, same reward pool:** As total staked SOL grows, inflation-based rewards are shared among more stakers, reducing per-SOL yield.
- **Less MEV and fewer priority fees:** Earlier yield boosts from MEV and network congestion had normalized as Solana stabilized, though MEV activity has picked up again this month amid stronger on-chain trading and network usage.
- **Tighter competition:** With more validators running at near 100% uptime, yield differentials have narrowed, a sign of a stronger, more efficient network.

What to expect next

Short-term yields may trend slightly lower due to ongoing inflation adjustments, a steady increase in total staked SOL, and cluster-wide efficiency gains. Still, higher transaction volumes could support recovery through increased block inclusion competition and stronger MEV yields.

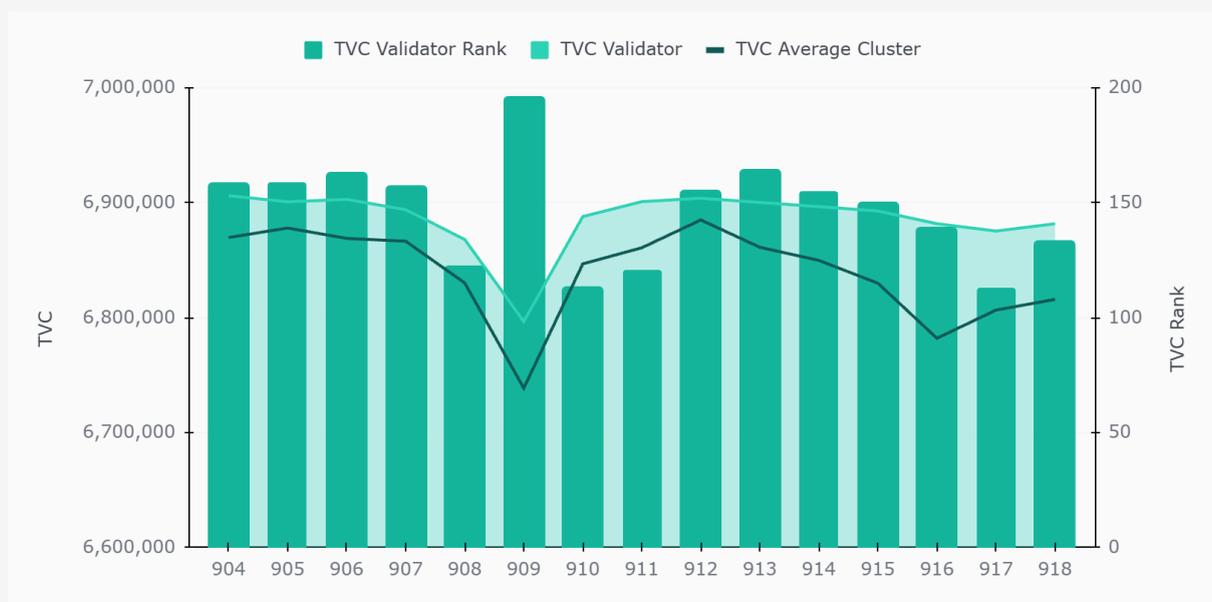
Amid these shifts, Starke Finance remains well positioned to lead, combining robust operations, full MEV revenue share, and a zero-commission model to deliver consistent, above-average rewards for our community of stakers.

Timely Vote Credits (TVC)

Across Epochs 904–918, Starke Finance recorded an average TVC of 6.89 million, outperforming the cluster average of 6.84 million. This steady efficiency highlights our ability to maintain strong voting responsiveness throughout the month.

During this same period, our validator rankings remained solid, ranging from 113 to 196, with multiple epochs placing Starke Finance firmly within the upper tier of network participants. These results demonstrate dependable competitiveness, even amid broader cluster fluctuations.

For delegators, this level of consistency directly supports predictable staking outcomes, as timely voting plays a key role in determining rewards under Solana’s TVC-based model. Starke Finance’s January TVC performance underscores our continued focus on maximizing validator efficiency and optimizing returns.



Source: [JPool](#)

Skipped Leader Slots

Starke Finance remains a highly reliable block producer, delivering consistent leader slot execution with only isolated deviations. We maintained a 0% skipped leader slot rate in 13 out of 15 periods across Epochs 904–918.

Only two minor exceptions were recorded: Epoch 909, with a skip rate of 1.67%, and Epoch 916, with 1.33%. Both events were limited and quickly followed by a return to flawless performance, underscoring the stability and responsiveness of our operations.

Over the same period, the cluster average skipped leader slot rate ranged from 0.08% to 1.18%, consistently exceeding our own results in nearly every epoch. This reinforces Starke Finance’s strong execution in producing assigned blocks.



Source: [JPool](#)

Uptime (30 days)

Over the past 30 days, Starke Finance maintained an exceptional 99.98% uptime, ensuring near-continuous participation in Solana's consensus and block production processes. This reflects the reliability of our validator operations and our ongoing focus on performance, allowing delegators to benefit from steady reward generation and dependable network participation.

Supported by proactive monitoring, redundant systems, and a performance-driven approach, Starke Finance continues to provide a secure, stable, and high-performing environment, so your stake operates with maximum efficiency at all times.

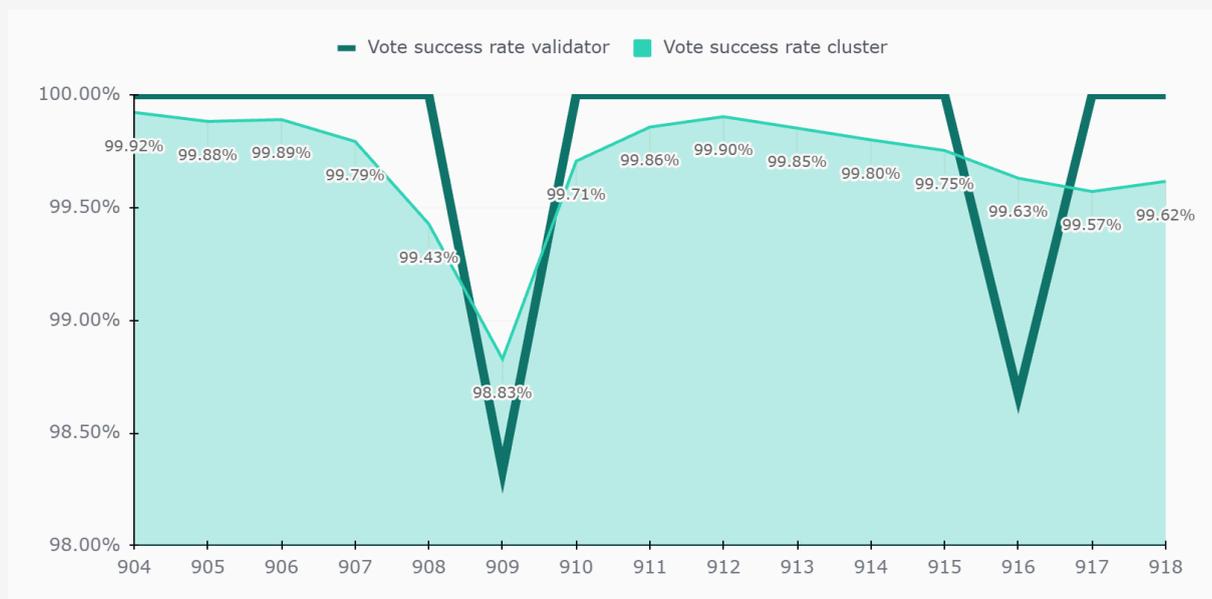
Vote Success Rate

Over the past month, Starke Finance delivered a consistently strong vote success rate, achieving a perfect 100% accuracy in 13 out of 15 epochs across Epochs 904–918.

Only two minor deviations were recorded: Epoch 909, with a vote success rate of 98.33%, and Epoch 916, with 98.67%. Both instances were isolated, with all surrounding epochs returning immediately to flawless performance.

During this same period, the cluster average vote success rate ranged between 98.83% and 99.92%, generally remaining slightly below Starke Finance’s results across most epochs. This reinforces our validator’s precision and consistent contribution to secure block finalization.

Such dependable voting accuracy ensures that rewards are generated efficiently while supporting the overall integrity of the Solana network.



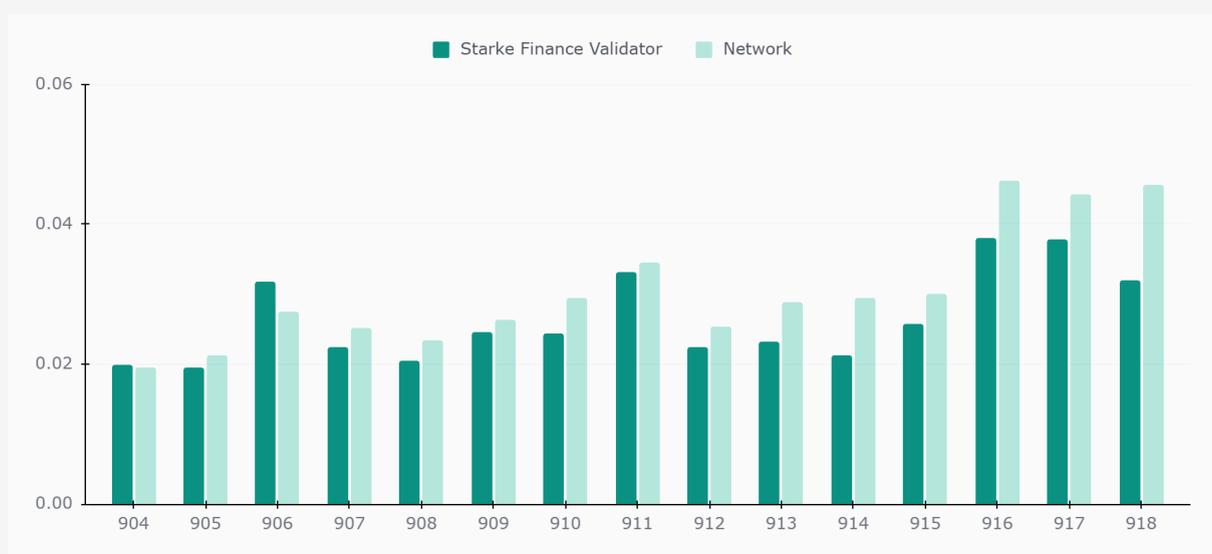
Source: [Solana Beach](#)

Average Block Reward (SOL)

Throughout Epochs 904–918, our validator’s average block rewards ranged from 0.0194 to 0.0380 SOL, while the network average moved between 0.0194 and 0.0463 SOL. This reflects our ability to deliver consistent rewards despite natural variability in block distribution and broader network dynamics.

While some epochs tracked closely with the cluster benchmark and others came in modestly below periods of elevated network-wide reward output, Starke Finance remained solidly within a strong operational range. These results underscore the stability of our infrastructure, effective node configuration, and continued focus on performance optimization.

As Solana network conditions evolve, Starke Finance remains committed to sustaining efficient block production and supporting long-term yield, ensuring that every successfully produced block contributes to stronger staking returns for delegators.



Source: [SolanaCompass](#)

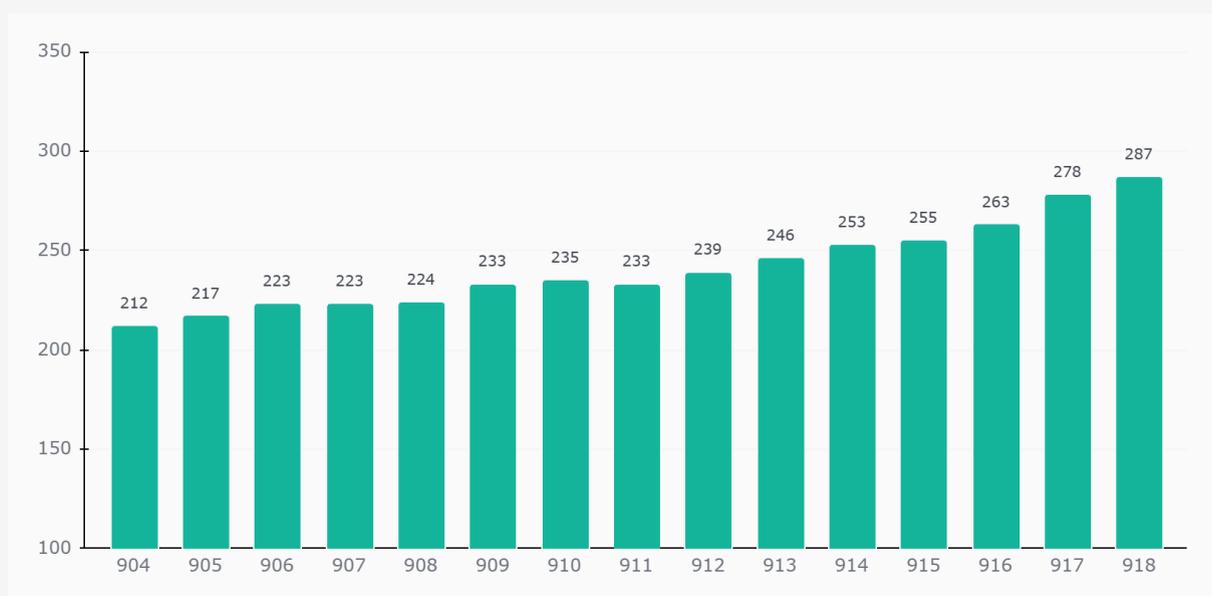
Staking & Market Share

This section offers a detailed snapshot of Starke Finance’s staking performance and validator presence throughout January. It highlights key indicators such as stake growth, market share evolution, delegator distribution, epoch-to-epoch stake movements, and overall stake account activity. Together, these metrics illustrate how Starke Finance continues to solidify its role within the Solana ecosystem, showing consistent operational strength, reliable returns, and a steadily growing base of delegators, all contributing to the long-term resilience and independence of our validator.

Stake Accounts

Over the last month, the number of stake accounts delegated to Starke Finance continued to show strong and consistent growth. Beginning the period with 212 accounts in epoch 904 and rising steadily to 287 by epoch 918, this upward trajectory reflects increasing participation from individual delegators, as well as Marinade’s delegation structure, which distributes stake across multiple accounts.

Rather than abrupt fluctuations, the month was characterized by healthy organic expansion, with new stake accounts joining progressively across epochs and overall engagement remaining resilient. This sustained rise represents a monthly increase of 34.11%, underscoring the growing trust in Starke Finance’s validator performance, transparency, and long-term operational reliability.



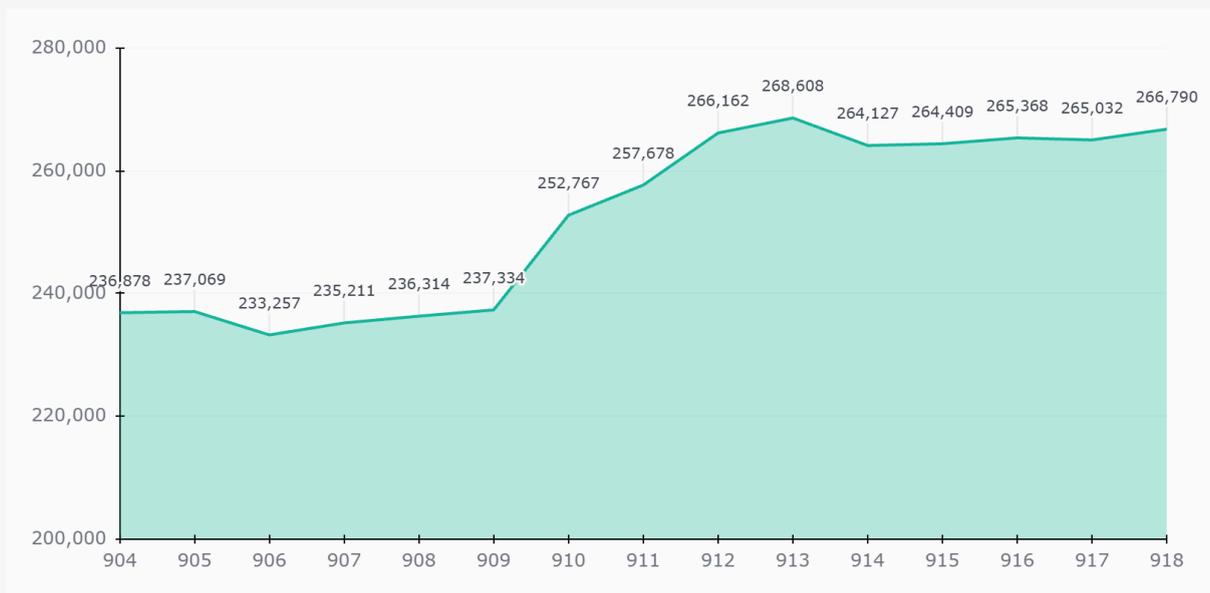
Source: [Solana Beach](#)

Total SOL Staked

Throughout January, the total SOL staked with Starke Finance showed a clear upward trend, reflecting renewed growth in delegated stake. Total stake increased from 236,878 SOL in epoch 904 to 266,790 SOL by epoch 918, representing a 12.74% monthly increase. This expansion highlights strengthening delegator confidence and continued demand for reliable validator performance.

A key driver of this growth was increased delegation through Jito's Block Assembly Marketplace (BAM) adoption program (JitoSOL JIP-28) and Sol Strategies' STKESOL, which contributed meaningfully to the month's net inflows. Support from broader staking platforms, alongside steady community participation, helped reinforce this positive momentum and supported the consistent rise in stake across epochs.

This increase strengthens Starke Finance's positioning within Solana's evolving delegation landscape, backed by operational consistency, competitive yield generation, and sustained trust from long-term supporters. As staking dynamics continue to develop, Starke Finance remains focused on delivering dependable performance and maximizing value for every delegated SOL.



Source: [Stakewiz](#)

Stake Market Share

As of the end of January, Starke Finance represents approximately 0.06% of all SOL staked across the Solana network and 0.07% of the SOL staked through native (non-liquid) staking. While these shares remain relatively small, they reflect a solid and steadily growing presence within Solana's highly competitive validator ecosystem.

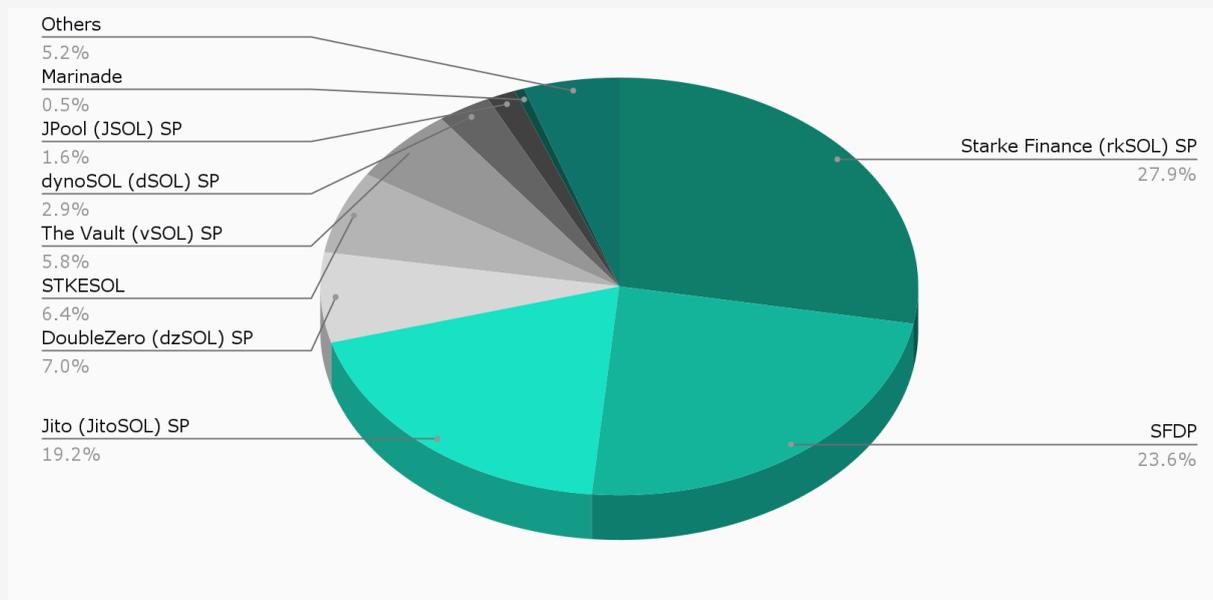
Looking forward, we remain committed to growing our organic delegations and strengthening our footprint within the network. With the upcoming launch of our managed tokenized fund service, we anticipate new opportunities to expand our stake share while upholding the high standards of performance, transparency, and operational resilience that define Starke Finance.

Active SOL Stake Distribution by Delegator

As of the end of January, Starke Finance’s active stake reached 266,158.97 SOL, reflecting a well-diversified distribution across institutional partners, staking pools, and independent delegators. Starke Finance’s own liquid staking pool, rkSOL, remains the largest contributor, accounting for 27.86% of total active stake. The Solana Foundation Delegation Program (SFDP) follows closely with 23.60%, while Jito (JitoSOL) represents a significant 19.19% share.

Additional key contributors include DoubleZero (6.97%), STKESOL (6.38%), and The Vault (5.83%), alongside dynoSOL, JPool, and Marinade. Independent delegators and smaller stake pool contributions together account for 5.18% of the total stake.

This distribution underscores a healthy balance between institutional support and community participation, highlighting continued confidence in Starke Finance’s performance, transparency, and operational reliability within the Solana validator ecosystem.



Source: [Solscan](#)

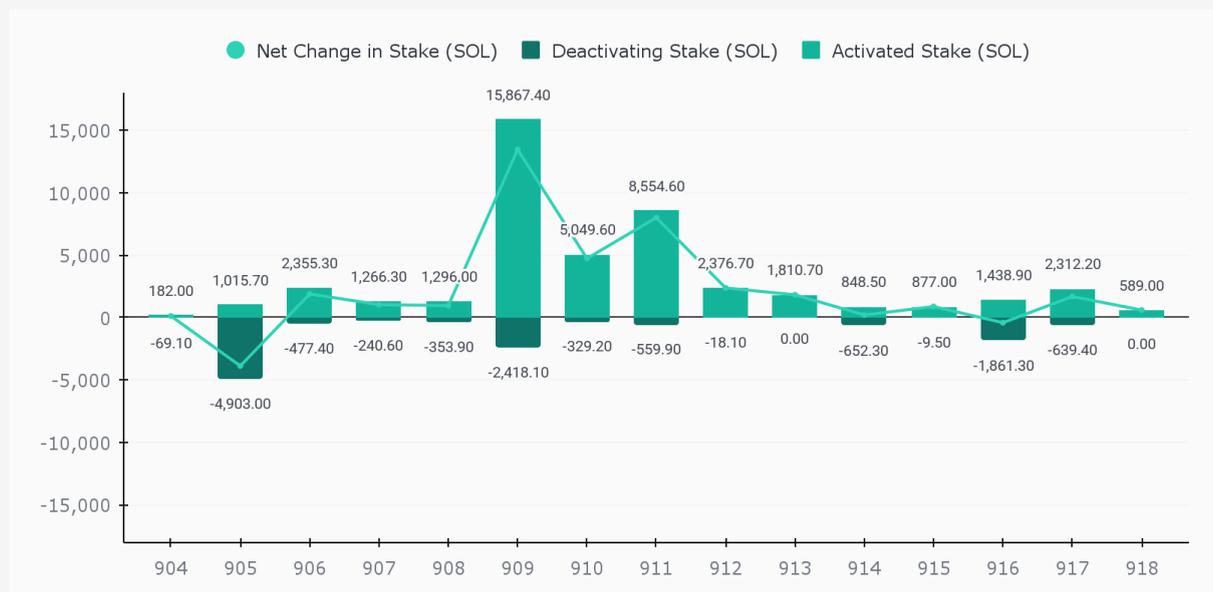
Net Change in Stake

Stake movements throughout January reflect a month of strong and dynamic activity within the Solana staking ecosystem, resulting in a clear net positive expansion for Starke Finance. Across Epochs 904–918, the period was characterized by consistent activated stake inflows, including several significant delegation events that more than offset occasional deactivations.

While the majority of epochs delivered positive net contributions, the most notable temporary outflow occurred in epoch 905, where deactivations of -4,903 SOL resulted in a net change of -3,887 SOL. This reduction was primarily linked to the Edgevana Stake Pool transitioning away following a technical server issue that temporarily affected their stake allocation ranking, rather than any validator-specific performance concerns.

Momentum quickly recovered in subsequent epochs, with epoch 909 recording a major net increase of approximately +13,449 SOL, supported by strong inflows in epochs 910 and 911 as well.

Overall, January’s stake activity highlights renewed delegator engagement and strengthening demand across both community and institutional staking channels.



Source: [SolanaCompass](#)

Maximize your Solana rewards with Starke Finance

Starke Finance provides a next-generation staking experience designed for both institutional and individual participants who want to earn more from their **Solana (SOL)** holdings. Our mission is to make staking simple, transparent, and rewarding, offering direct access to high-performance validation with zero complexity.

Through non-custodial staking, you always maintain full control of your assets while benefiting from enterprise-grade infrastructure, optimized uptime, and secure reward distribution. Our validator is built to maximize real yield through efficient performance, seamless operation, and fair reward structures.

When staking with Starke Finance, you can expect:

- **Higher yield potential:** our infrastructure is optimized to capture every possible reward, including Jito MEV returns.
- **Zero fees:** 0% validator commission, you keep 100% of your earned SOL.
- **Transparency & control:** track your rewards at any time.
- **Reliable Infrastructure:** professionally operated systems built for speed, security, and consistency.

Whether you're a seasoned investor or a new participant in the Solana ecosystem, Starke Finance delivers the performance, transparency, and confidence you need to grow your stake securely.

Stake with Starke Finance — earn more, stay in control, and be part of a validator built for the future of Solana.

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