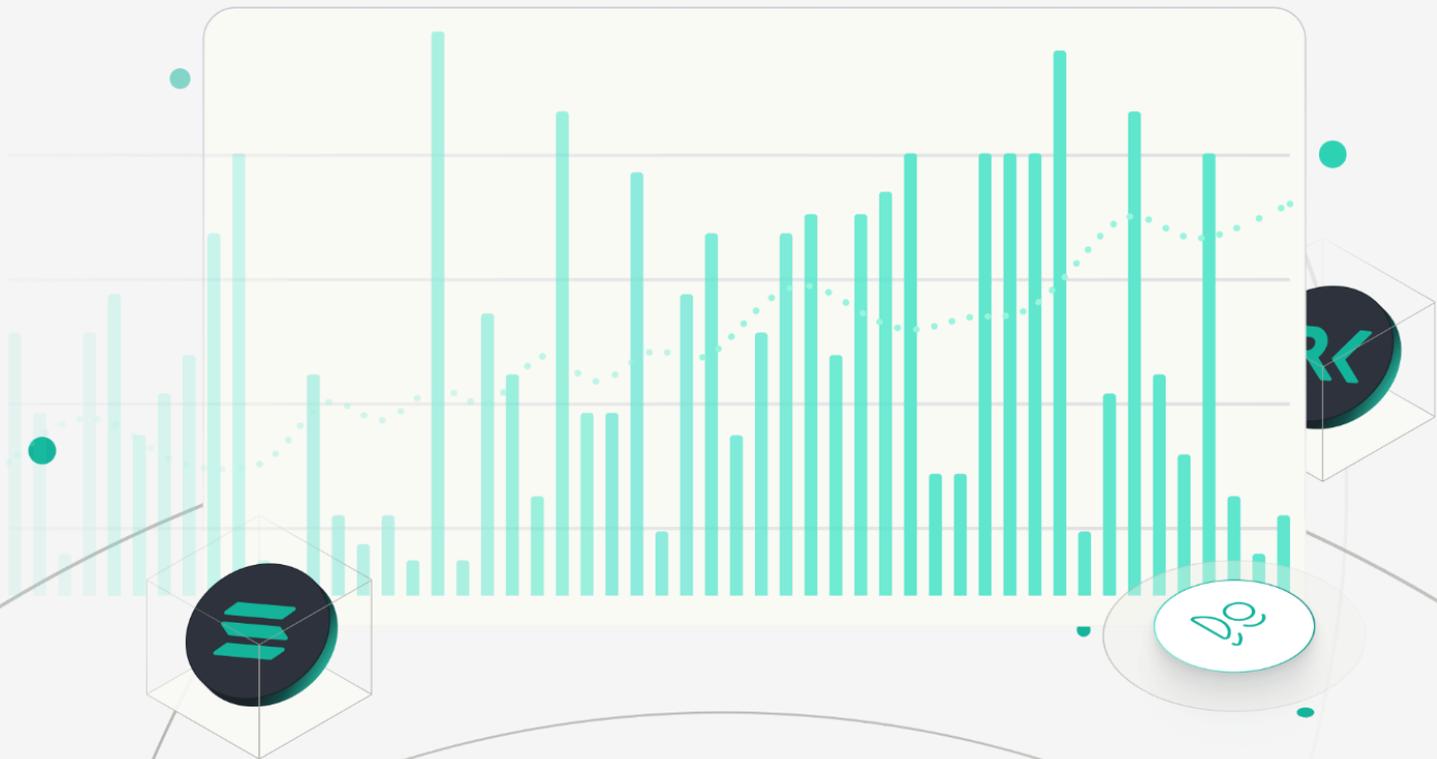


Starke Finance Solana Validator

Report: February 2026



Starke Finance — Solana Validator

Monthly Report



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Summary

In February, 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 6.44%, outperforming the cluster average of 6.19% by 25 basis points. Operational execution was equally robust, with 100% uptime, strong vote accuracy, and highly reliable leader slot performance, demonstrating our ability to consistently deliver above-average rewards.

Staking engagement also showed meaningful growth. Total SOL staked increased from 266,159 SOL to 316,887 SOL. The increase was driven by a combination of Jito BAM inflows during the middle of the month and Marinade's delegation structure in the final epochs. Active stake remained well-diversified across major delegators, including Jito (JitoSOL), SFDP, Starke Finance's own rkSOL pool, and other institutional and community participants.

By month-end, Starke Finance maintained a strong and balanced delegation profile across institutional partners, staking pools, and independent delegators. Net stake changes were overall positive, highlighting ongoing confidence in our validator. As Solana continues to mature, Starke Finance remains focused on secure, transparent, and performance-driven validation, positioning us for sustained growth and long-term value creation for our community of 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.

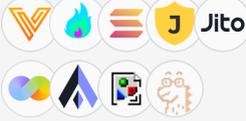
In February, we upgraded from version 3.0.14 to 3.1.8, bringing Starke Finance in line with other Solana validators already running the latest Agave release.

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 316,887	Number of Stakers 2,765	Skip Rate (30-Day) 0% Skipped Blocks	Uptime (30-Day) 100% Detailed status
APY 6.37%	Commissions 0% 0% MEV commission	Stake Pools 	Validator Address 3s97yjq2MhoPVPC3U9VeE3Z5S643Pweovg88ysvrQPw5

Source: [Starke Finance](#) (as of February 28, 2025).

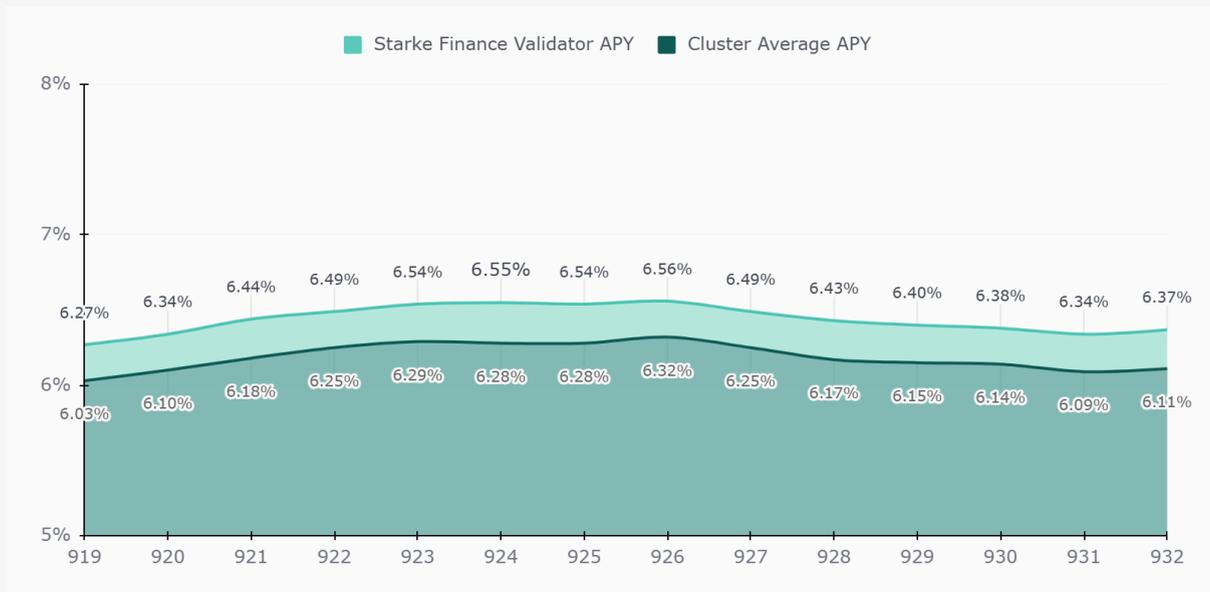
Validator Performance

This section details key Solana validator performance metrics from Starke Finance’s operations over Epochs 919–932 (January 30, 2026 – February 27, 2026), providing an in-depth look at yield for delegators, uptime, and overall staking efficiency during the month.

APY

In February 2026, Starke Finance maintained its strong validator performance, consistently delivering staking returns above the broader network average. Across Epochs 919–932, our validator achieved an average APY of 6.44%, outperforming the cluster average of 6.19% by 25 basis points.

This consistent outperformance highlights the effectiveness of our zero-commission model, high uptime reliability, and active participation in consensus, all of which contribute to maximizing 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.

However, February saw a temporary uptick in APY as MEV activity and on-chain trading increased, lifting validator rewards.

What to expect next

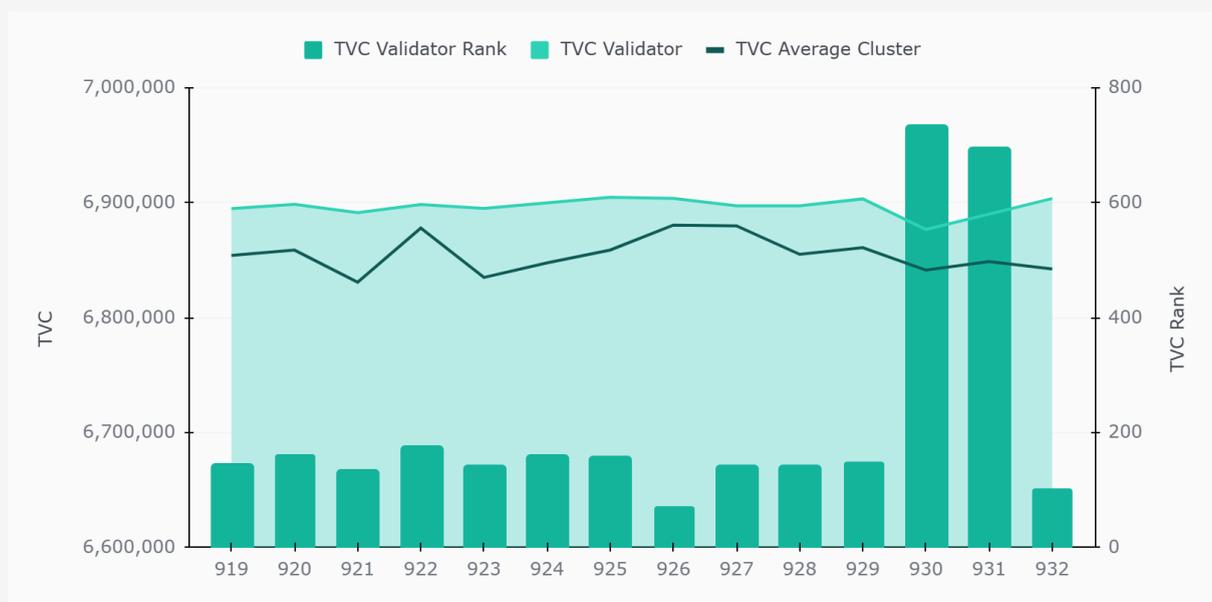
Looking ahead, short-term yields are likely to fluctuate in a narrow band, balancing lower inflation payouts against stronger network activity. In this environment, Starke Finance remains well placed to outperform peers through full MEV revenue sharing, zero-fee commissions, and a reliable validator setup that consistently captures above-average rewards for our community.

Timely Vote Credits (TVC)

Across Epochs 919–932, Starke Finance recorded an average TVC of 6.90 million, outperforming the cluster average of 6.86 million. This consistent performance demonstrates our validator’s ability to maintain strong voting responsiveness throughout February.

During this period, our validator rankings remained solid, ranging from 73 to 733, with multiple epochs placing Starke Finance firmly within the upper tier of network participants. These results highlight dependable competitiveness, even amid broader cluster fluctuations.

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



Source: [JPool](#)

Skipped Leader Slots

Starke Finance continues to be a highly reliable block producer, delivering consistent leader slot execution with only minimal deviations. Across Epochs 919–932, we recorded a 0% skipped leader slot rate in 13 out of 14 periods, demonstrating sustained operational excellence.

The only minor exception was Epoch 919, with a skip rate of 0.4%. In all subsequent epochs, Starke Finance returned 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 0.27%, consistently exceeding our own results in nearly every epoch. This reinforces Starke Finance’s strong execution in producing assigned blocks and highlights our continued commitment to reliable network participation.



Source: [JPool](#)

Uptime (30 days)

Over the past 30 days, Starke Finance achieved a flawless 100% uptime, ensuring uninterrupted participation in Solana's consensus and block production processes. This perfect performance demonstrates the reliability of our validator operations and our continued focus on consistent network participation, allowing delegators to benefit from steady reward generation.

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

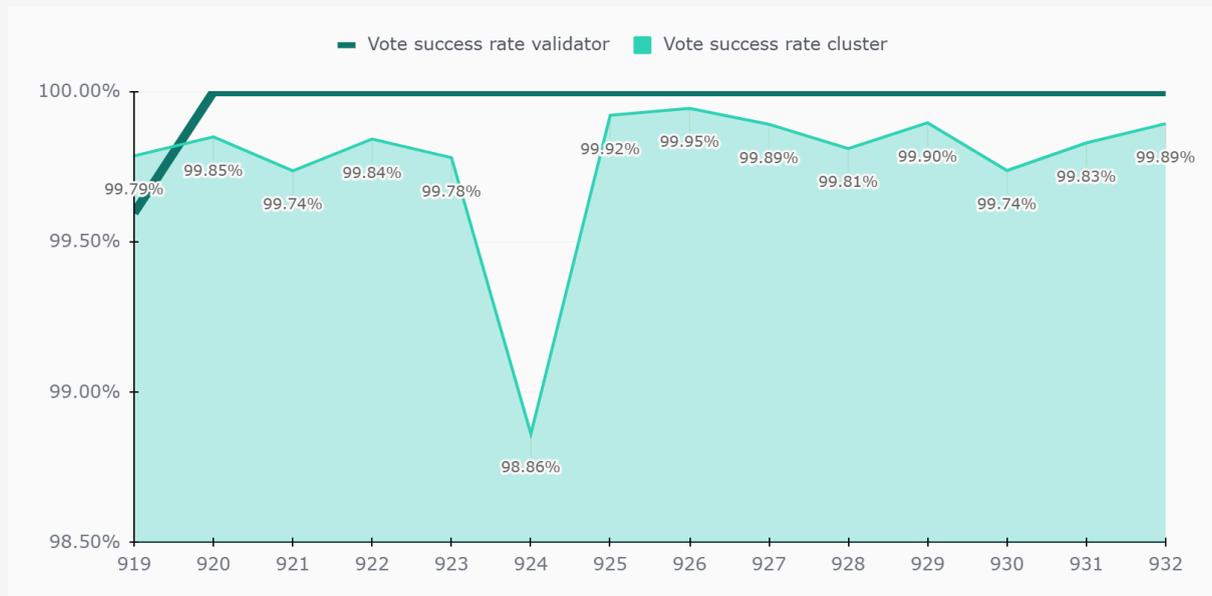
Vote Success Rate

Over the past month, Starke Finance maintained an exceptionally strong vote success rate, achieving 100% accuracy in 13 out of 14 epochs across Epochs 919–932.

The only minor deviation occurred in Epoch 919, with a vote success rate of 99.6%. All subsequent epochs returned immediately to flawless performance, demonstrating consistent precision in our voting process.

During this period, the cluster average vote success rate ranged between 98.86% and 99.95%, generally remaining slightly below Starke Finance’s results across most epochs. This reinforces our validator’s reliability and consistent contribution to secure block finalization.

Such dependable voting accuracy ensures efficient reward generation while supporting the overall integrity of the Solana network.



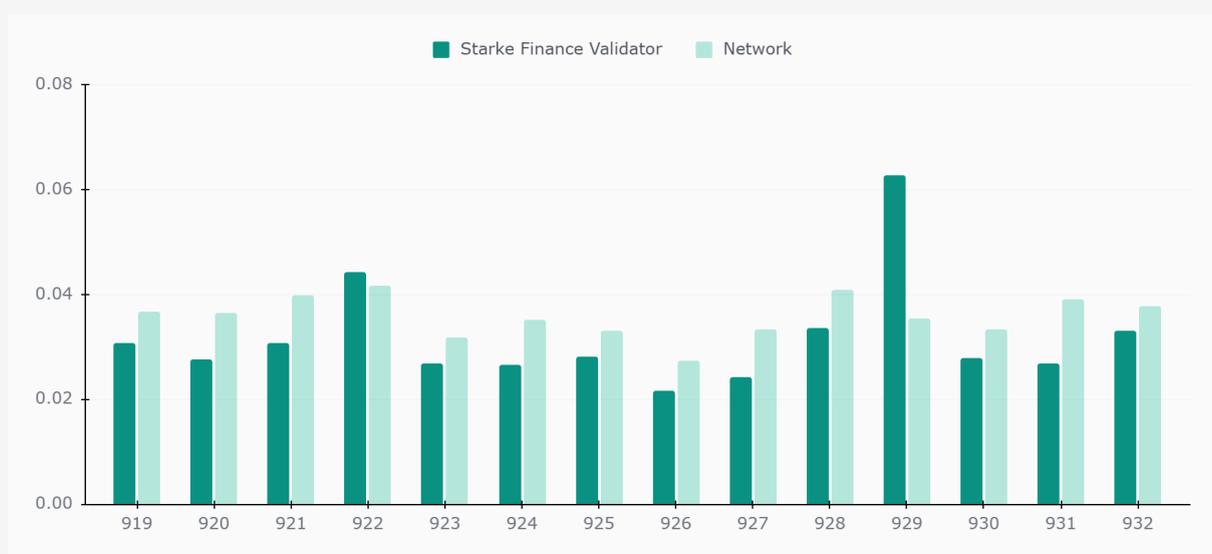
Source: [Solana Beach](#)

Average Block Reward (SOL)

Throughout Epochs 919–932, Starke Finance’s average block rewards ranged from 0.0215 to 0.0627 SOL, while the network average moved between 0.0273 and 0.0416 SOL. This demonstrates our ability to deliver consistent rewards despite natural variability in block distribution and broader network dynamics.

Some epochs closely tracked the cluster benchmark, while others varied due to elevated network-wide reward output. Nevertheless, Starke Finance remained solidly within a strong operational range, reflecting 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](#)

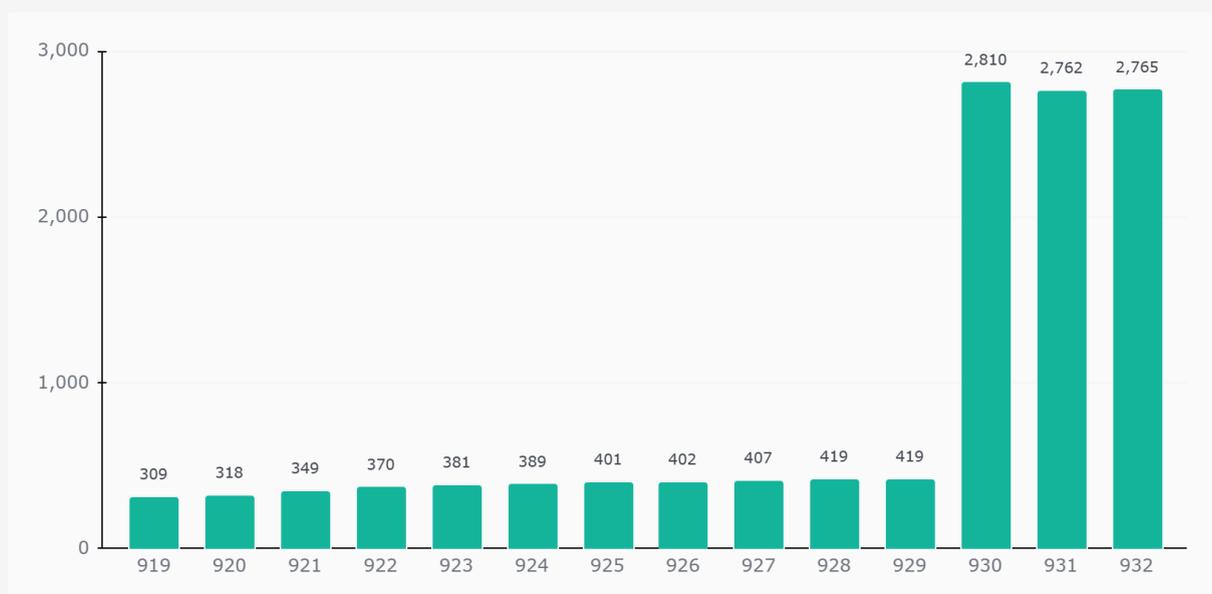
Staking & Market Share

This section offers a detailed snapshot of Starke Finance’s staking performance and validator presence throughout February. 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 past month, the number of stake accounts delegated to Starke Finance continued to grow steadily. Beginning the period with 309 accounts in Epoch 919 and rising to 419 by Epoch 929, this upward trend reflects ongoing participation from individual delegators.

The sharp increase in Epochs 930–932, reaching over 2,700 accounts, was driven primarily by Marinade’s delegation structure, which distributes stake across multiple accounts. Aside from this peak, growth was gradual and organic, demonstrating healthy engagement and sustained trust in Starke Finance’s validator performance.



Source: [Solana Beach](#)

Total SOL Staked

Throughout February, the total SOL staked with Starke Finance continued to grow steadily. Starting at 266,159 SOL in Epoch 919 and rising to 316,887 SOL by Epoch 932, the month saw significant increases driven by Jito BAM inflows during the middle of the month and Marinade’s delegation structure, which accounts for the peak observed in the final epochs.

Aside from these inflows, total stake remained relatively stable across earlier epochs, reflecting steady participation from individual delegators and ongoing confidence in Starke Finance’s validator performance.

This growth reinforces Starke Finance’s strong positioning within Solana’s delegation landscape, supported by operational consistency, competitive yields, and sustained trust from long-term supporters. Our continued focus remains on delivering reliable performance and maximizing value for every delegated SOL.



Source: [Stakewiz](#)

Stake Market Share

As of the end of February, Starke Finance represents approximately 0.08% of all SOL staked across the Solana network and 0.09% of the SOL staked through native (non-liquid) staking. These figures indicate a modest but steadily growing presence within Solana's competitive validator ecosystem.

Looking forward, we remain focused on expanding our organic delegations and strengthening our footprint within the network. With initiatives such as the upcoming launch of our managed tokenized fund service, we anticipate new opportunities to grow our stake share while maintaining the high standards of performance, transparency, and operational resilience that define Starke Finance.

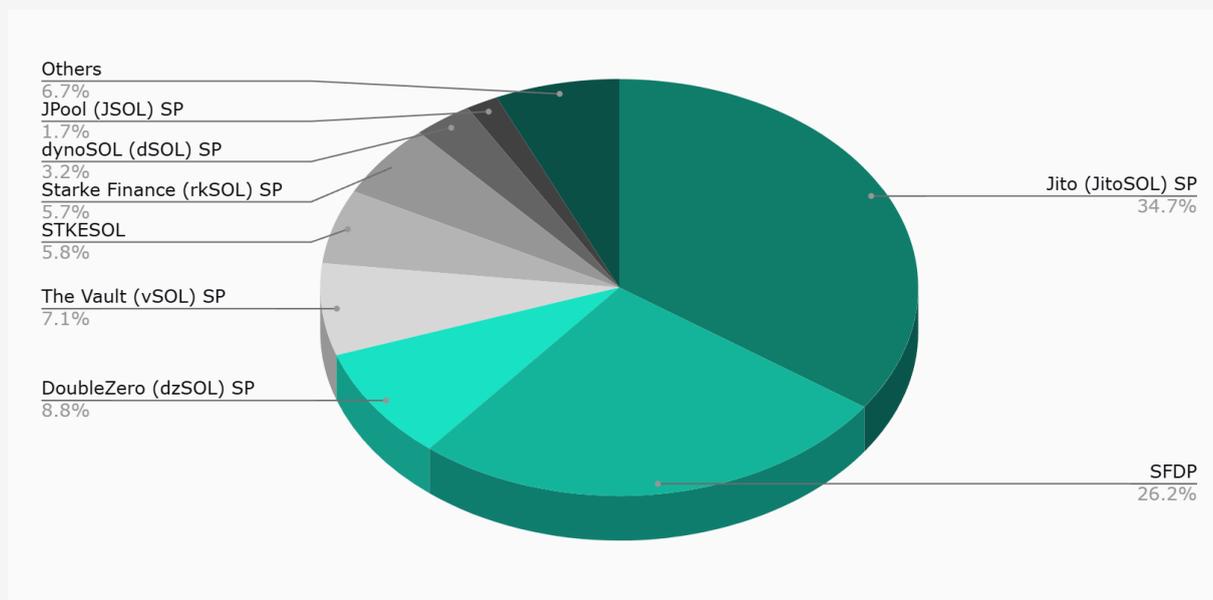
Active SOL Stake Distribution by Delegator

As of March 24, 2026, Starke Finance’s active stake totaled 245,089.85 SOL, reflecting a diversified distribution across institutional partners, staking pools, and independent delegators.

Jito (JitoSOL) is now the largest contributor, representing 34.72% of total active stake, followed by the Solana Foundation Delegation Program (SFDP) at 26.23%. Other significant contributors include DoubleZero (dzSOL) at 8.78%, The Vault (vSOL) at 7.13%, STKESOL at 5.77%, and Starke Finance’s own rkSOL pool at 5.71%. Additional stake comes from dynoSOL (3.18%), JPool (1.75%), and other delegators accounting for 6.73% of total stake.

The decrease in stake previously contributed by Sanctum reflects a strategic decision by that organization not to participate as a delegated stake pool for business reasons. This change was entirely their own decision and does not impact the performance, reliability, or security of Starke Finance’s validator.

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



Source: [Solscan](#)

Net Change in Stake

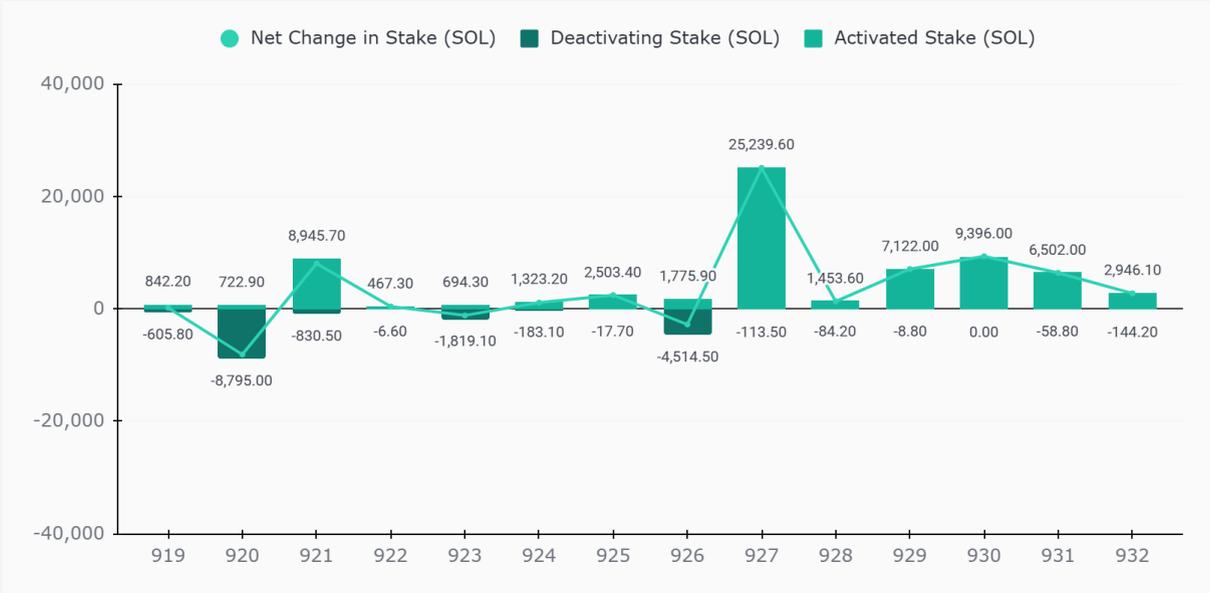
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While some epochs recorded temporary net outflows, such as Epoch 920 with a net change of $-8,072$ SOL and Epoch 926 with $-2,739$ SOL, these were offset by substantial inflows in other epochs. Notably, Epoch 927 experienced a significant net increase of $+25,126$ SOL, followed by additional strong contributions in Epochs 930 and 931.

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Source: [SolanaCompass](https://solana.com/solana-compass)

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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