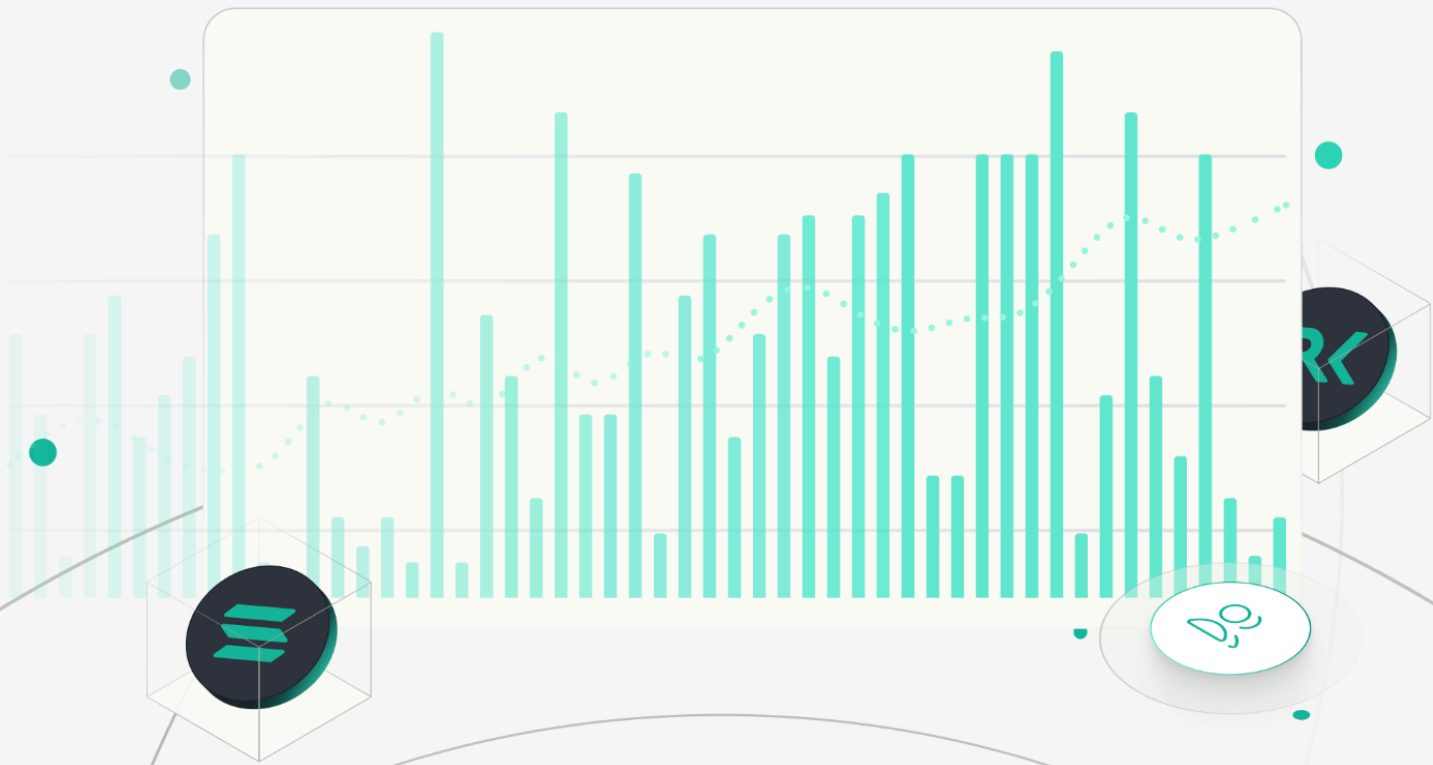




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Starke Finance Solana Validator

Report: March 2026



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Monthly Report



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Summary

In March, Starke Finance continued to deliver strong and dependable performance within the Solana validator ecosystem, reinforcing its position as a reliable 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 execution.

Returns remained competitive throughout the month, with Starke Finance achieving an average APY of 6.26%, outperforming the cluster average of 6.03% by 23 basis points. Operational execution remained robust, with 100% uptime, strong vote accuracy, and consistently reliable leader slot performance, demonstrating stable participation in consensus and block production.

Staking activity showed a net contraction in total SOL staked, decreasing from 320,366 SOL to 243,555 SOL (-23.14%). This decline was primarily driven by Sanctum reallocating stake to other strategies, rather than any validator-related factors. Despite this adjustment, the remaining stake base remained stable and actively engaged throughout the month.

By month-end, Starke Finance maintained a balanced and resilient delegation profile across institutional partners, staking pools, and community participants. Net stake movements were mixed but stable overall, reflecting normal staking dynamics and continued delegator activity.

As Solana continues to mature, Starke Finance remains focused on secure, transparent, and performance-driven validation, positioning itself for long-term operational stability and sustained value creation for its delegators.



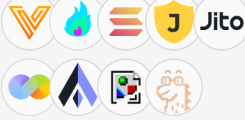
General Overview

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 March, we upgraded from version 3.1.8 to 3.1.13, bringing Starke Finance in line with other Solana validators already running the latest Agave release. Operating under the identity key [3s97yjq2MhoPVPC3U9VeE3Z5S643Pweovg88ysvrQPw5](https://solana.com/address-detail/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 243,555	Number of Stakers 330	Skip Rate (30-Day) 0% Skipped Blocks	Uptime (30-Day) 100% Detailed status
APY 6.15%	Commissions 0% 0% MEV commission	Stake Pools 	Validator Address 3s97yjq2MhoPVPC3U9VeE3Z5S643Pweovg88ysvrQPw5

Source: [Starke Finance](#) (as of March 30, 2025).

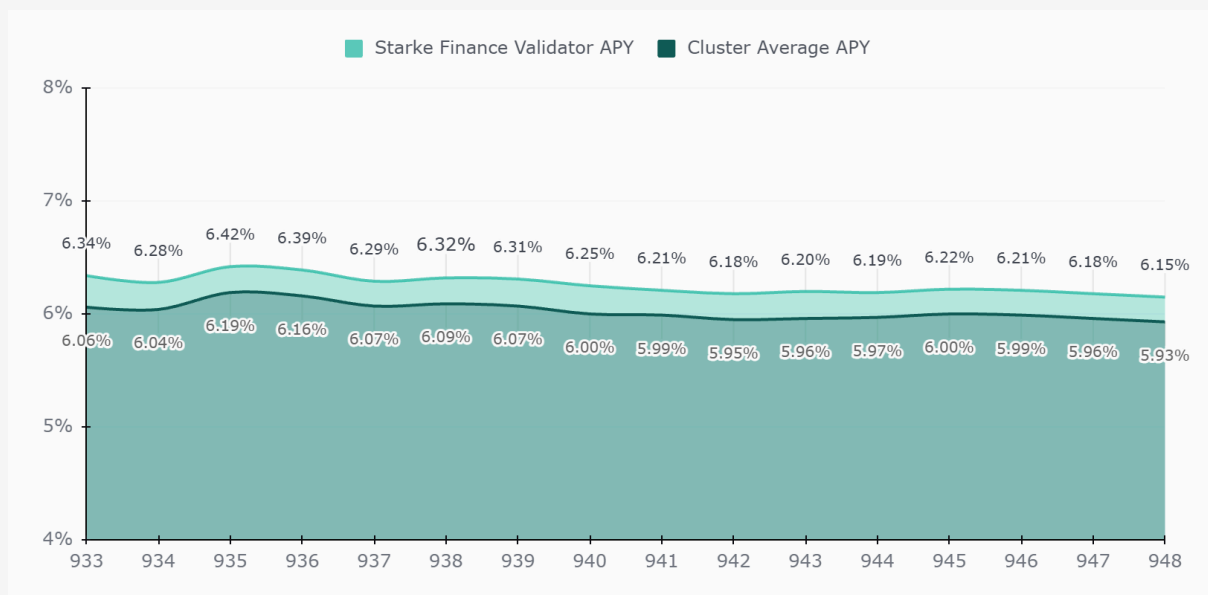
Validator Performance

This section details key Solana validator performance metrics from Starke Finance’s operations over Epochs 933–948 (February 27, 2026 – March 30, 2026), providing an in-depth look at yield for delegators, uptime, and overall staking efficiency during the month.

APY

In March 2026, Starke Finance continued to deliver consistent validator performance, maintaining staking returns above the network average throughout the period. Across Epochs 933–948, our validator achieved an average APY of 6.26%, outperforming the cluster average of 6.03% by 23 basis points.

This steady outperformance reflects disciplined validator operations, including reliable uptime, efficient vote participation, and a zero-commission structure that ensures delegators capture the full yield. Despite a slight downward trend in overall network APY during the month, Starke Finance preserved a consistent premium over the cluster, reinforcing its position as a high-performance, delegator-aligned validator.



Source: [JPool](#).

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

Why is Solana's average APY 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 have normalized as Solana stabilized.
- **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 due to an increase in block inclusion competition, generating higher MEV yields.

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

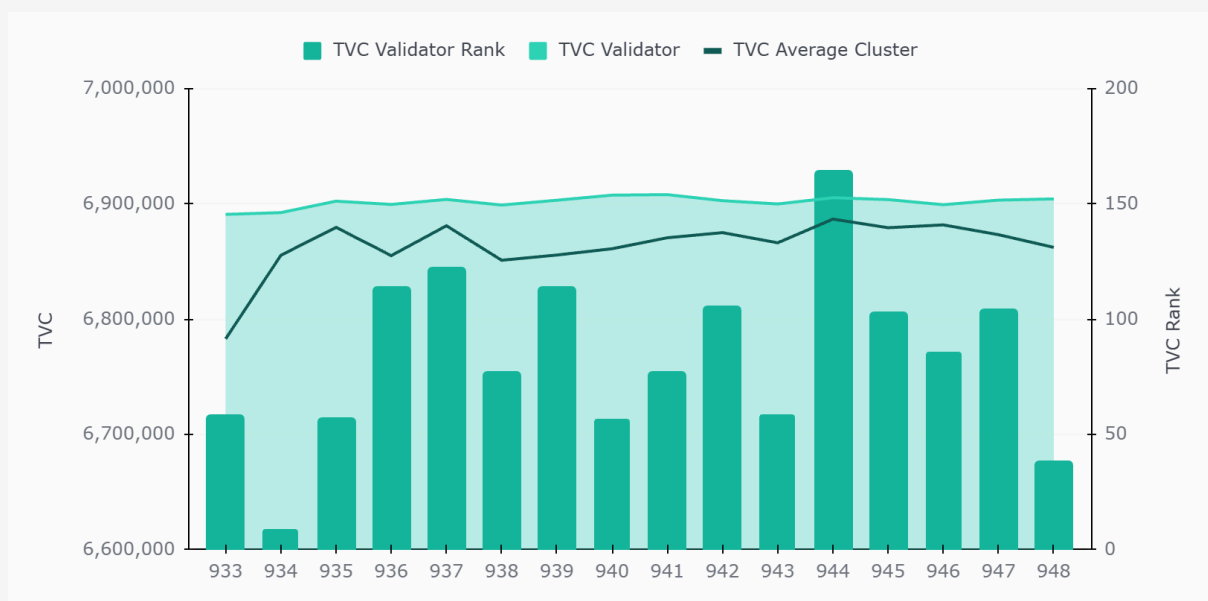
Timely Vote Credits (TVC)

In March 2026, Starke Finance maintained strong performance in Timely Vote Credits (TVC), consistently exceeding the cluster average across all epochs. From Epochs 933–948, our validator recorded an average TVC of 6.90 million, outperforming the cluster average of 6.86 million by approximately 38,000 credits.

This sustained edge highlights the validator’s high voting responsiveness and operational efficiency, ensuring that votes are consistently submitted on time, an essential factor in maximizing rewards under Solana’s TVC-based mechanism.

Validator rankings during this period remained highly competitive, ranging from 9 to 164, with several epochs placing Starke Finance within the top 100 and even reaching the top 10 in Epoch 934. This demonstrates not only consistency but also the ability to achieve top-tier performance in favorable conditions.

For delegators, this level of reliability translates into stable and predictable staking returns. Starke Finance’s March TVC performance reinforces its commitment to optimizing validator operations and maintaining a consistent advantage over the broader network.



Source: [JPool](#)

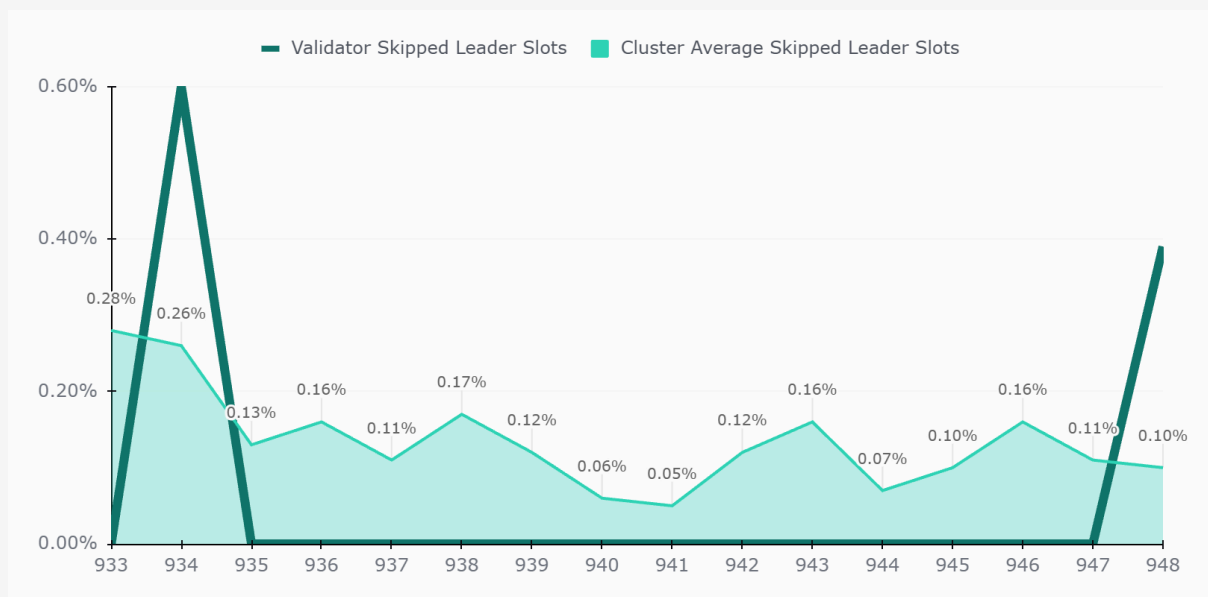
Skipped Leader Slots

In March 2026, Starke Finance maintained a high level of reliability in block production, consistently achieving near-perfect leader slot execution. Across Epochs 933–948, our validator recorded a 0% skipped leader slot rate in 14 out of 16 epochs, demonstrating strong operational stability throughout the period.

Minor deviations occurred in Epoch 934 (0.6%) and Epoch 948 (0.39%), but performance quickly returned to optimal levels in the surrounding epochs. These isolated events did not materially impact overall reliability and remain well within expected variance for validator operations.

Over the same period, the cluster average skipped leader slot rate ranged from 0.05% to 0.28%, meaning Starke Finance outperformed the network in the majority of epochs by maintaining a consistently lower, or zero, skip rate.

For delegators, this level of execution is critical, as reliable block production directly supports reward generation and network efficiency. Starke Finance’s March performance reaffirms its commitment to operational excellence and dependable participation in consensus.



Source: [JPool](#)

Uptime (30 days)

Over the past 30 days, Starke Finance sustained a perfect 100% uptime, maintaining continuous participation in consensus and block production without interruption. This level of availability reflects a robust and resilient validator setup designed to operate reliably under all network conditions.

Through continuous monitoring, infrastructure redundancy, and a strong operational discipline, our validator ensured consistent performance across the entire period. For delegators, this translates into uninterrupted reward accrual and confidence that their stake is consistently active and efficiently deployed.

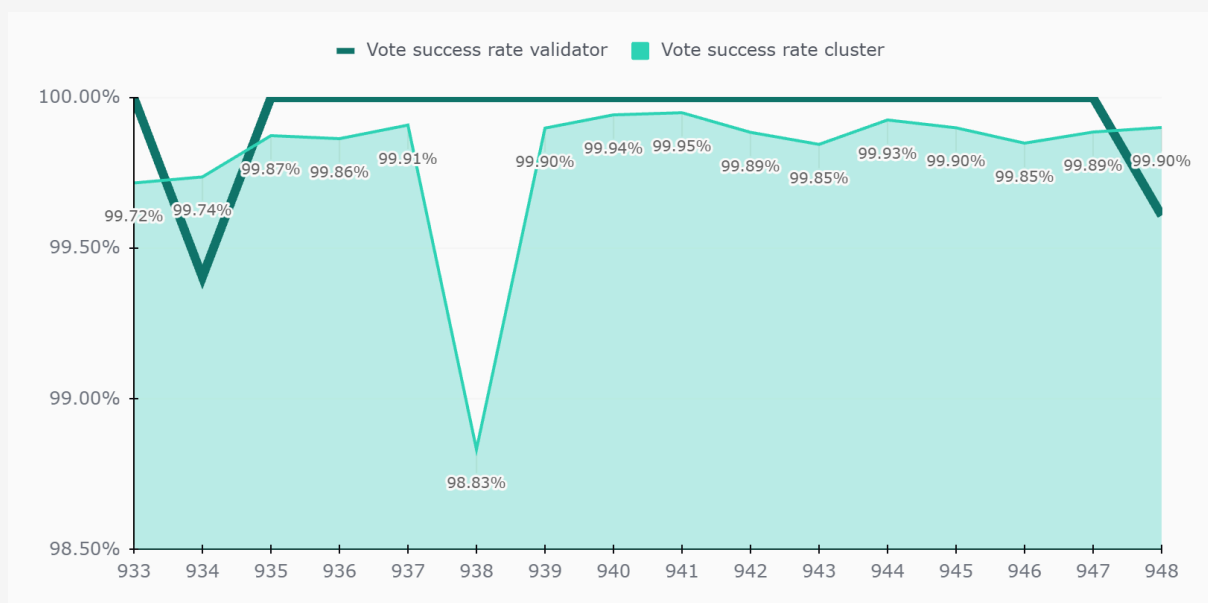
Vote Success Rate

Over the past month, Starke Finance sustained an exceptionally high vote success rate, maintaining near-perfect accuracy across the entire period. From Epochs 933–948, our validator achieved 100% vote success in 14 out of 16 epochs, demonstrating consistent precision in vote execution.

Minor deviations were observed in Epoch 934 (99.41%) and Epoch 948 (99.61%), but performance quickly returned to flawless levels in surrounding epochs. These small variances remain well within normal operational bounds and do not materially affect overall performance.

Throughout the same period, the cluster average vote success rate ranged between 98.83% and 99.95%, consistently trailing Starke Finance in most epochs. This highlights the validator’s strong reliability and its consistent contribution to efficient block finalization.

For delegators, this level of voting accuracy is critical, as it directly impacts reward generation. Starke Finance’s March performance reinforces its focus on operational precision and dependable participation in the network.



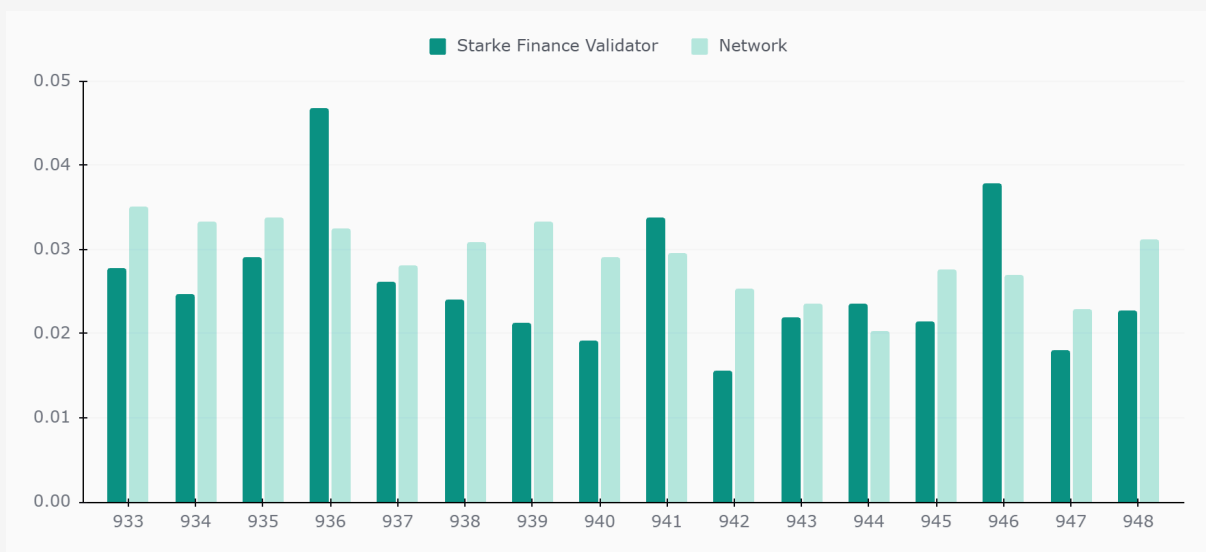
Source: [Solana Beach](#)

Average Block Reward (SOL)

During March 2026, Starke Finance’s average block rewards ranged from 0.0156 to 0.0469 SOL across Epochs 933–948, while the network average varied between 0.0204 and 0.0351 SOL. This reflects the inherent variability in block rewards driven by network conditions, leader slot allocation, and overall cluster performance.

Across the period, Starke Finance tracked the broader network closely, occasionally outperforming the average in stronger epochs (such as 936, 941, and 946), while in others remaining slightly below during periods of elevated cluster-wide reward output. Despite these fluctuations, performance remained within a stable and competitive range.

These results highlight consistent block production and effective validator operation, even as reward dynamics shift across epochs. Starke Finance continues to focus on optimizing performance and efficiency, ensuring that each produced block contributes reliably to long-term staking returns for delegators.



Source: [SolanaCompass](#)

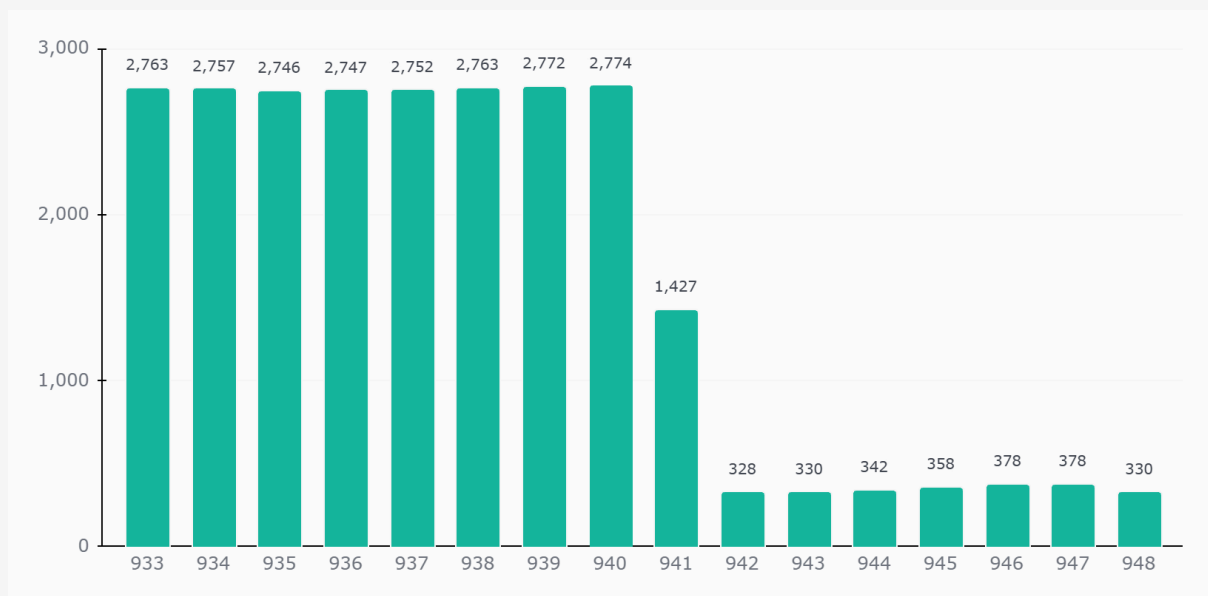
Staking & Market Share

This section offers a detailed snapshot of Starke Finance’s staking performance and validator presence throughout March. 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

During March 2026, the number of stake accounts delegated to Starke Finance showed a clear normalization following the elevated levels observed at the end of the previous period. The month began with ~2,760 accounts in Epoch 933, largely influenced by Marinade’s delegation structure, which distributes stake across many accounts.

This structure remained in place through Epoch 940, after which a sharp adjustment occurred in Epoch 941 (1,427 accounts), followed by a return to a more typical range of ~328–378 accounts for the remainder of the month. This shift reflects changes in delegation patterns rather than a loss of underlying stake or delegator confidence.



Source: [Solana Beach](#)

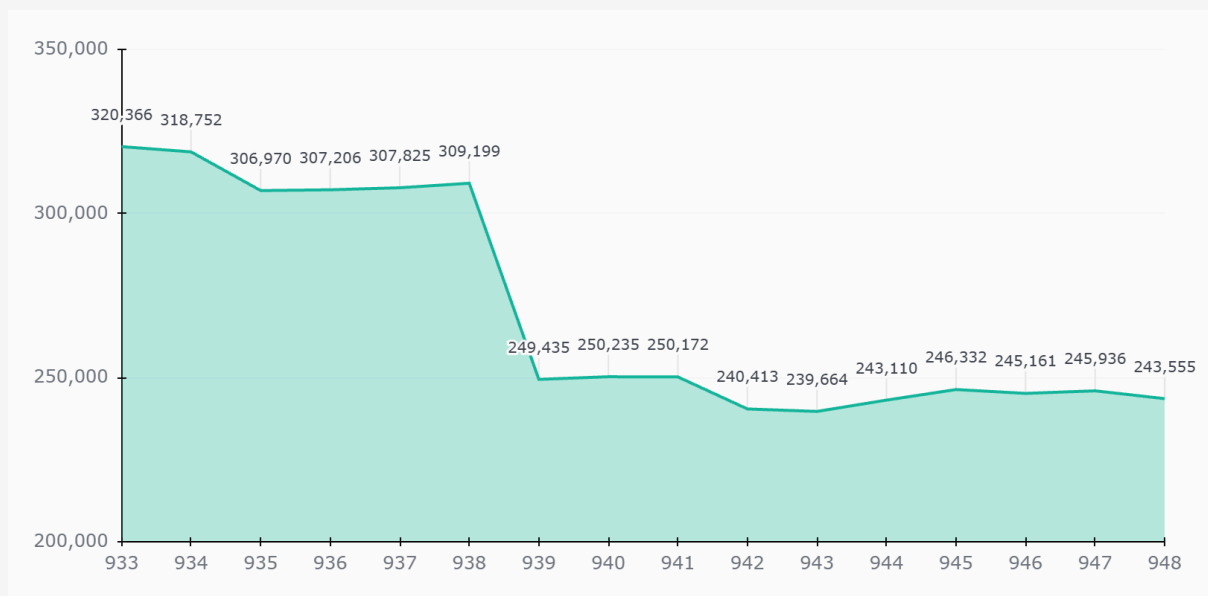
Total SOL Staked

During March 2026, the total SOL delegated to Starke Finance experienced a moderate decline, starting at 320,366 SOL in Epoch 933 and closing at 243,555 SOL in Epoch 948, representing a -23.14% monthly change.

The most notable shift occurred between Epochs 938 and 939, where total stake dropped from ~309k SOL to ~249k SOL. This reduction was primarily driven by changes in allocation from Sanctum, which rebalanced capital away from rkSOL into other strategies. As a result, the decrease reflects external delegation decisions rather than validator performance.

Following this adjustment, total stake stabilized within the ~239k–250k SOL range for the remainder of the month, indicating a consistent base of delegators and no continued outflow trend.

Overall, while March saw a contraction in total delegated stake, the data suggests this was largely structural and allocator-driven. Starke Finance maintained a stable delegation base, reinforcing continued confidence from long-term participants despite shifting dynamics among larger staking providers.



Source: [Stakewiz](#)

Stake Market Share

As of the end of March 2026, Starke Finance accounted for approximately 0.06% of total SOL staked across the Solana network, and around 0.07% of SOL staked within native (non-liquid) staking markets.

These figures reflect a slight adjustment compared to the previous period, while still positioning Starke Finance as an established participant within Solana's validator ecosystem. The share remains modest in absolute terms, but continues to represent a stable and recognized presence among delegators.

Looking ahead, the focus remains on expanding organic stake growth and strengthening long-term validator adoption. With ongoing product development and improved delegation channels, Starke Finance aims to gradually increase its stake footprint while maintaining its core principles of performance reliability, transparency, and operational resilience.

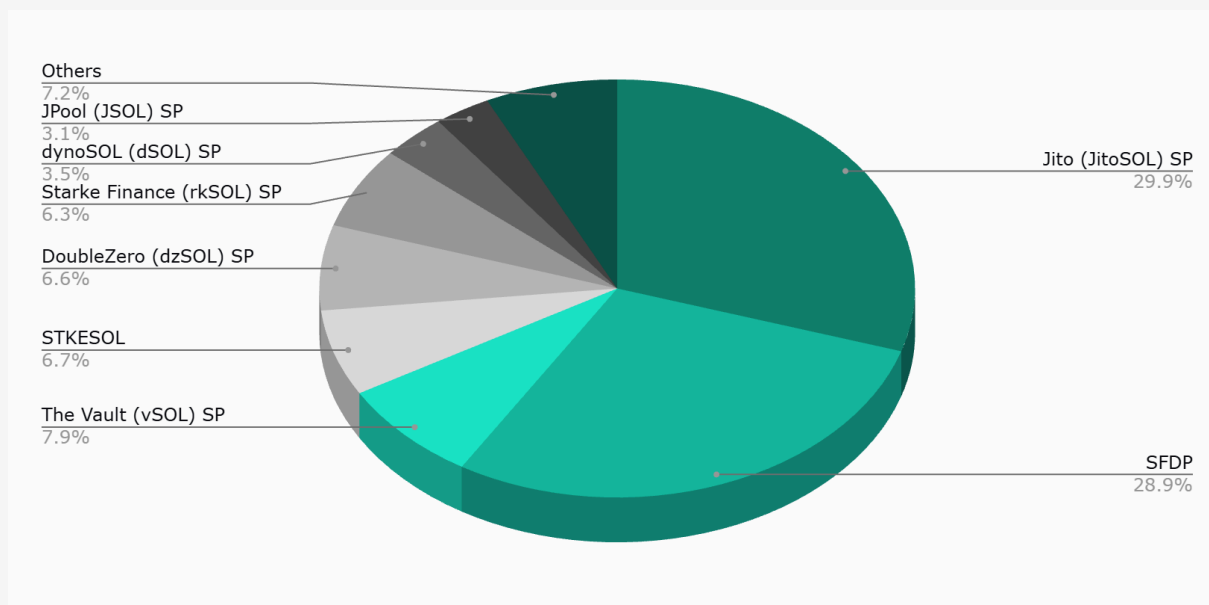
Active SOL Stake Distribution by Delegator

As of April 15, 2026, Starke Finance’s active stake stands at 221,602.99 SOL, reflecting a well-distributed mix of liquid staking tokens, institutional programs, and independent delegators.

The largest contributor remains Jito (JitoSOL) with 66,163.06 SOL (29.86%), followed closely by SFDP at 63,996.56 SOL (28.88%), together accounting for more than half of total delegated stake. Other notable contributors include The Vault (vSOL) at 7.91%, STKESOL at 6.67%, and DoubleZero (dzSOL) at 6.59%, highlighting continued participation from multiple staking ecosystems.

Starke Finance’s own rkSOL stake pool represents 6.31%, while additional inflows from dynoSOL (3.54%), JPool (3.06%), and other delegators (7.19%) further reinforce a diversified delegation structure. This distribution reflects a balanced mix between institutional allocations and broader ecosystem participation.

Compared to earlier periods, the reduction in total active stake is primarily driven by external reallocation decisions from staking pools, rather than validator performance. In particular, adjustments in stake routing from larger ecosystem participants have reshaped the composition of delegated capital.



Source: [Solscan](#)

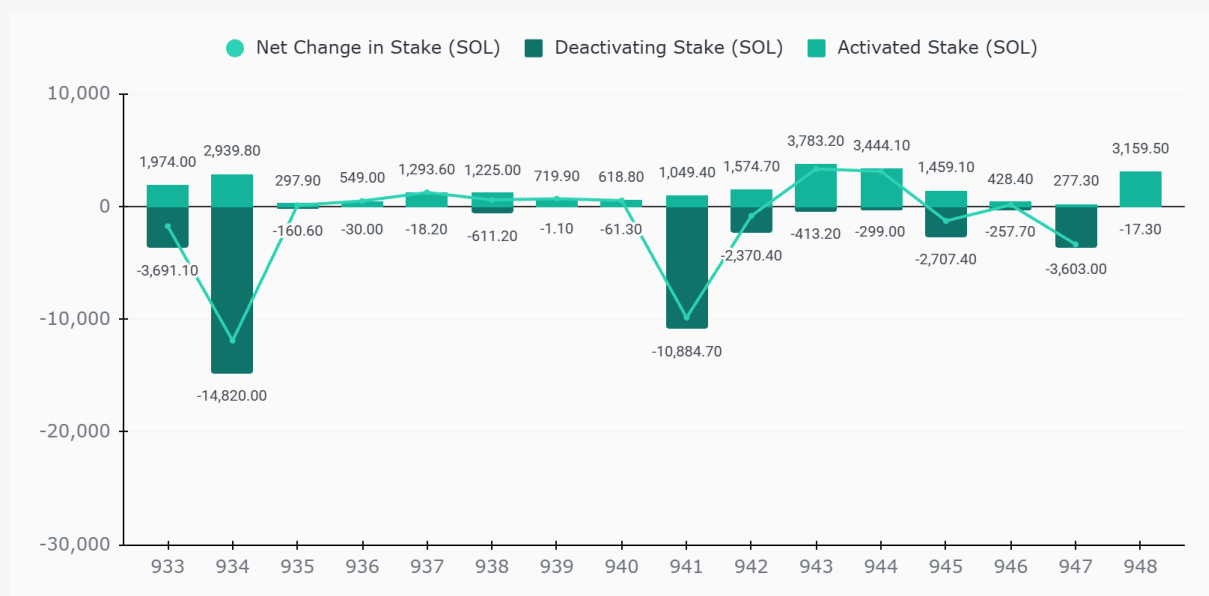
Net Change in Stake

During March 2026, Starke Finance experienced a mixed but overall balanced staking flow, with alternating periods of inflows and outflows across Epochs 933–948. Stake activity reflected normal ecosystem dynamics, where short-term withdrawals were frequently offset by renewed delegations in subsequent epochs.

Several epochs recorded temporary net outflows, most notably Epoch 934 (-11,880 SOL), Epoch 941 (-9,835 SOL), and Epoch 947 (-3,326 SOL). These were primarily driven by episodic deactivations rather than sustained withdrawal trends.

On the inflow side, strong positive activity was observed in multiple periods, including Epoch 943 (+3,370 SOL), Epoch 944 (+3,145 SOL), and Epoch 948 (+3,142 SOL), demonstrating continued delegator engagement and recurring stake redeployment into the validator.

Overall, the pattern reflects a healthy and active staking environment, characterized by frequent stake cycling rather than directional outflows. Despite short-term volatility, Starke Finance maintained consistent validator performance throughout the period, supporting ongoing participation from both retail and institutional delegators.



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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