

Narrative of Monthly Report July 2026

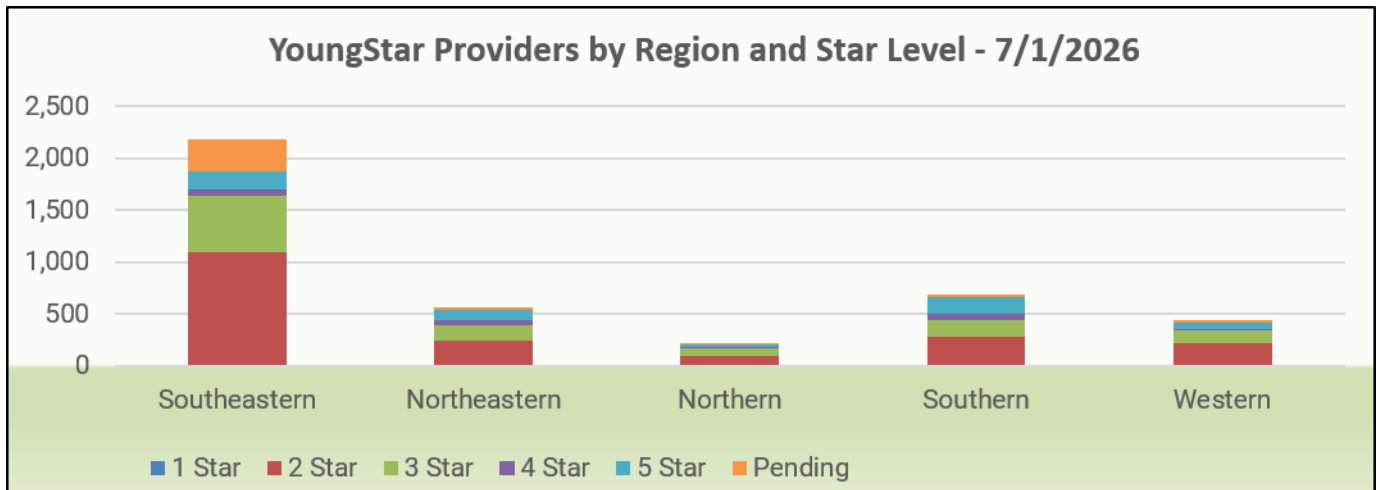
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected in the data.

For the month of July, the following are notable YoungStar statistics.

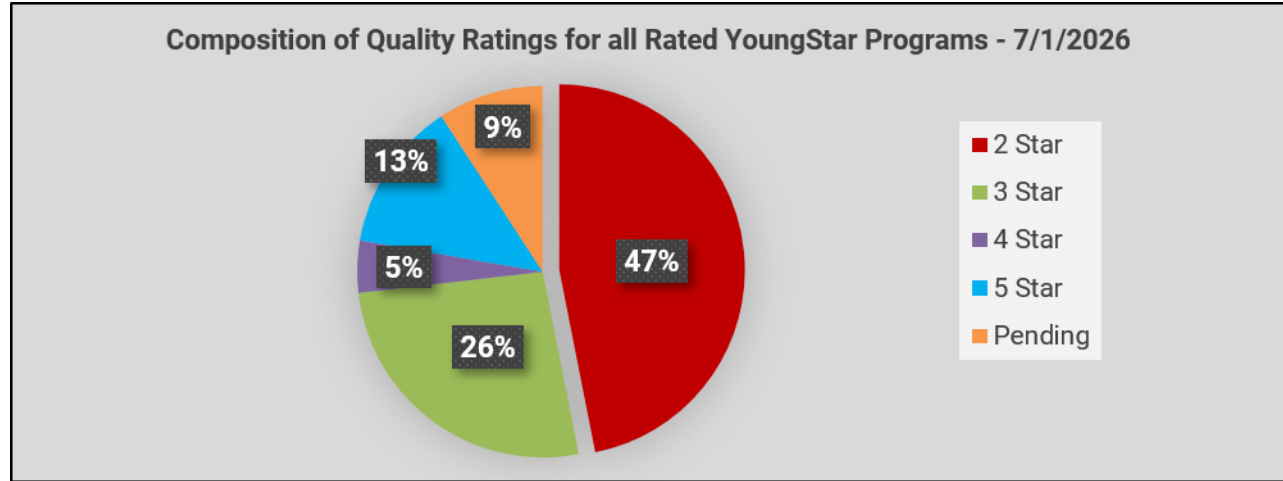
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 4,086 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 20 programs as compared to last month. The chart and graph below show the rating composition by region for the current month.

	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	TOTAL
Southeastern	0	1,092	549	61	176	297	2,175
Northeastern	0	238	157	43	97	26	561
Northern	0	91	77	12	31	7	218
Southern	0	282	162	53	170	24	691
Western	0	213	129	16	61	22	441
Total	0	1,916	1,074	185	535	376	4,086



Data as of 7/31/2026

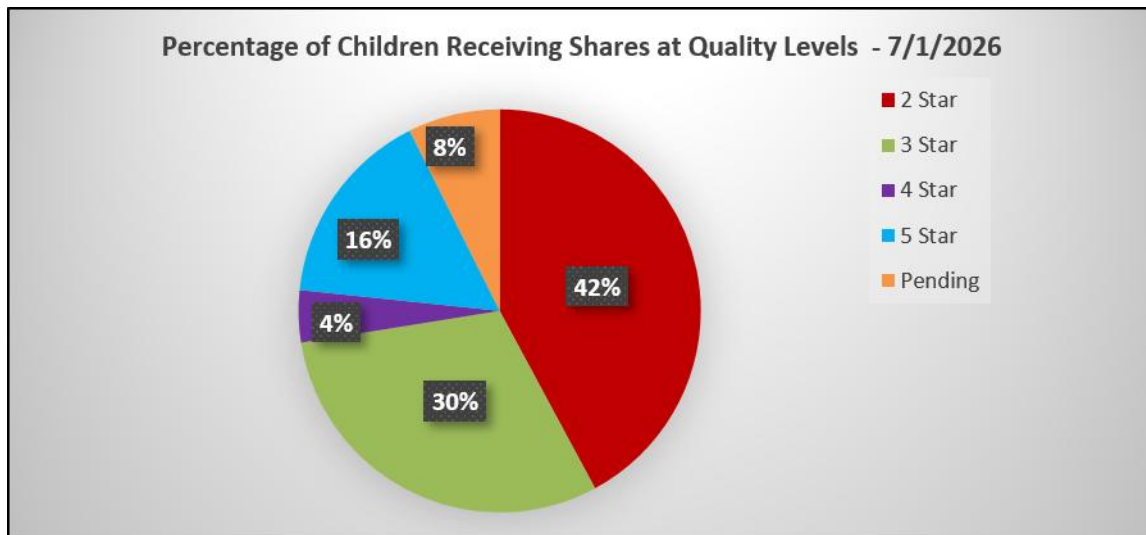
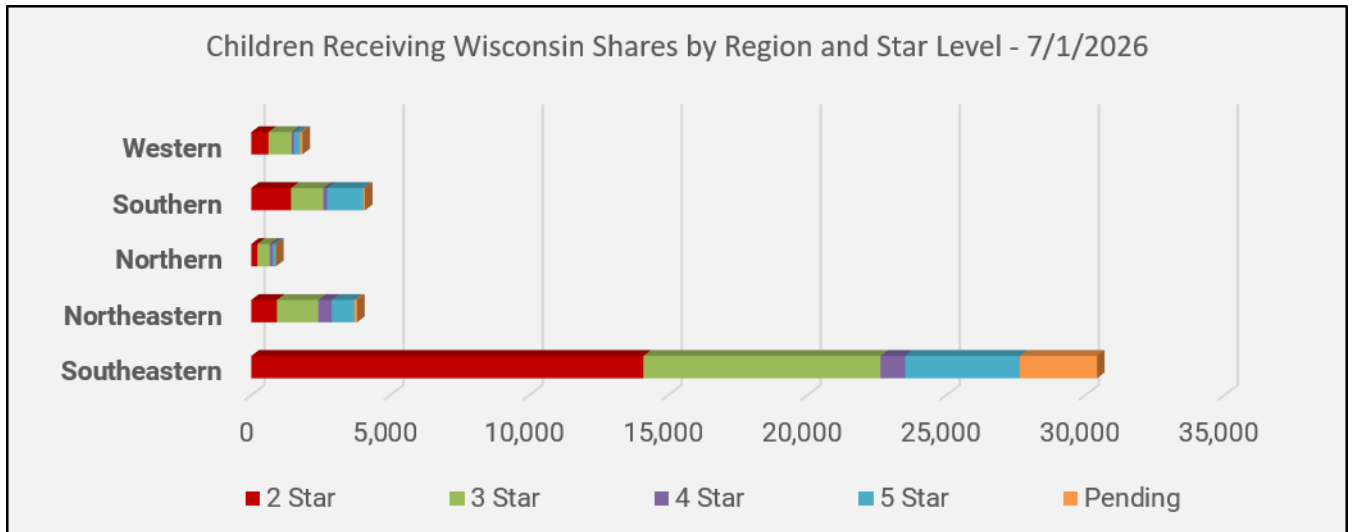


★ Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,710. There were an additional 376 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,945 programs with open Wisconsin Shares authorizations when the data was run for this report. There were children receiving Wisconsin Shares as shown by region, age, and star level.

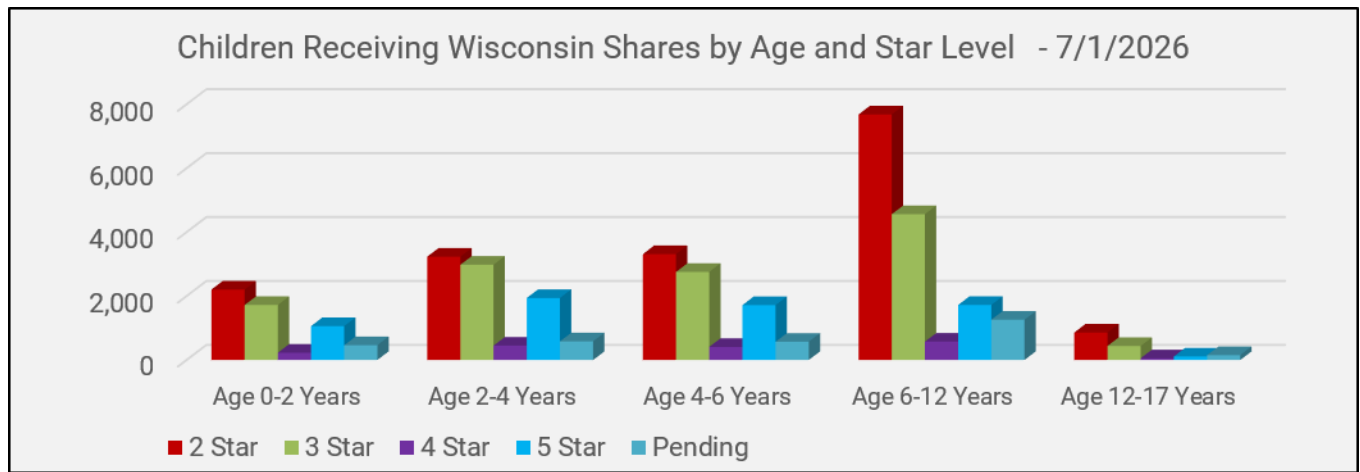
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	14,100	8,530	885	4,126	2,777	30,418
Northeastern	921	1,486	486	815	95	3,803
Northern	219	444	114	94	17	888
Southern	1,431	1,156	149	1,297	54	4,087
Western	615	840	81	214	89	1,839
Total	17,286	12,456	1,715	6,546	3,032	41,035

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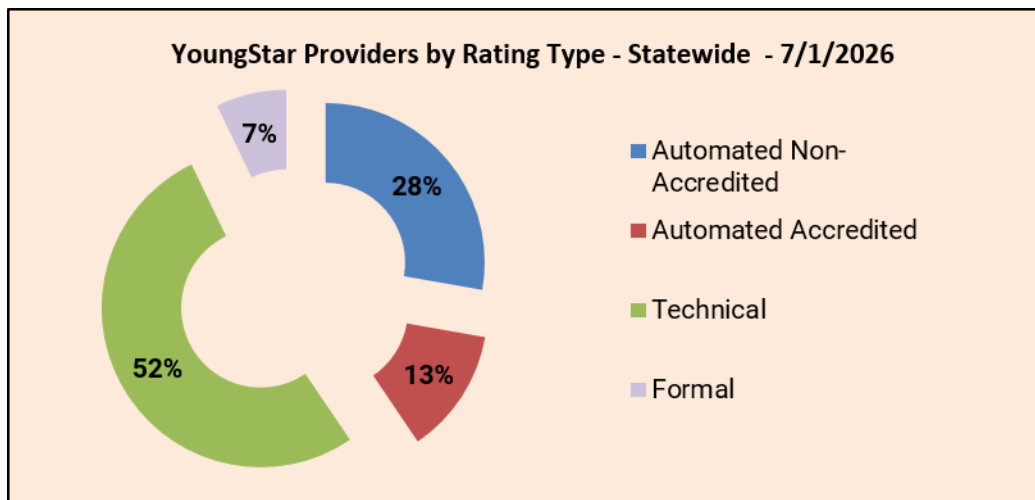
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	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,203	1,722	227	1,059	463	5,674
Age 2-4 Years	3,232	2,980	450	1,940	584	9,186
Age 4-6 Years	3,311	2,755	409	1,717	571	8,763
Age 6-12 Years	7,681	4,562	576	1,721	1,261	15,801
Age 12-17 Years	859	437	53	109	153	1,611
Total	17,286	12,456	1,715	6,546	3,032	41,035



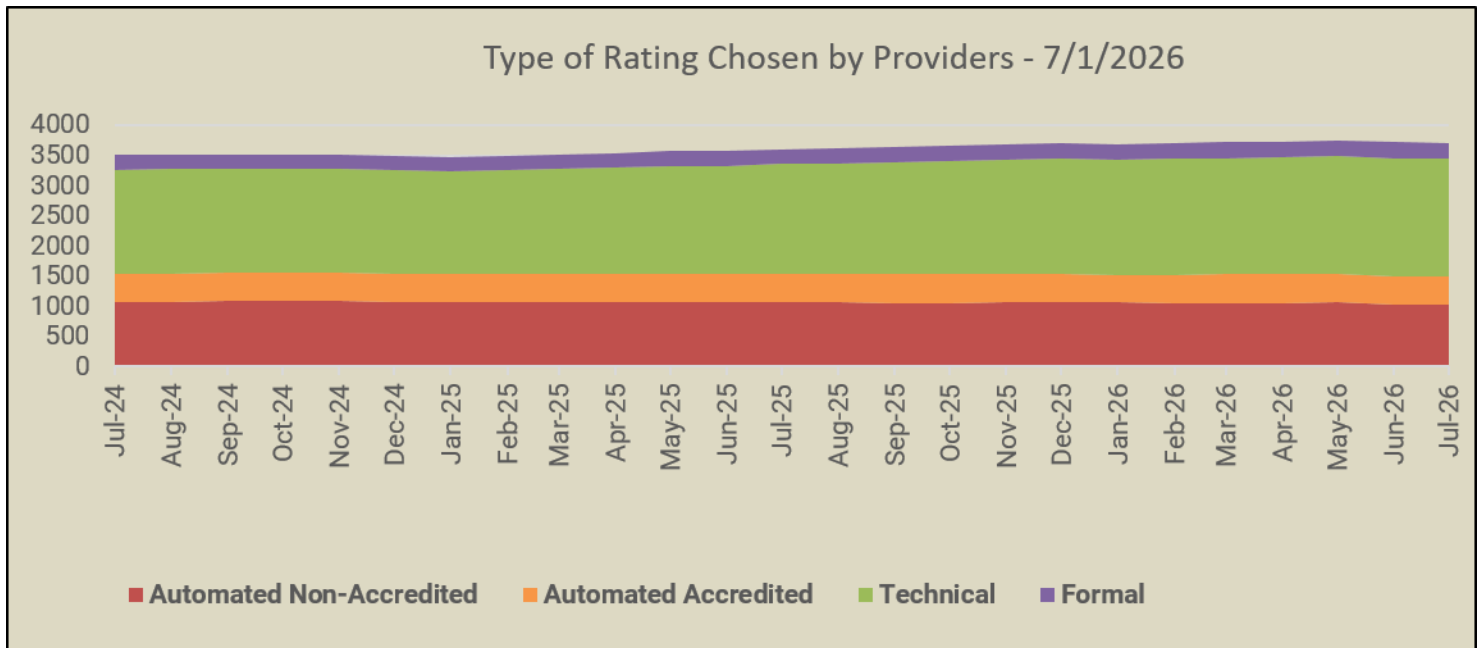
★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.



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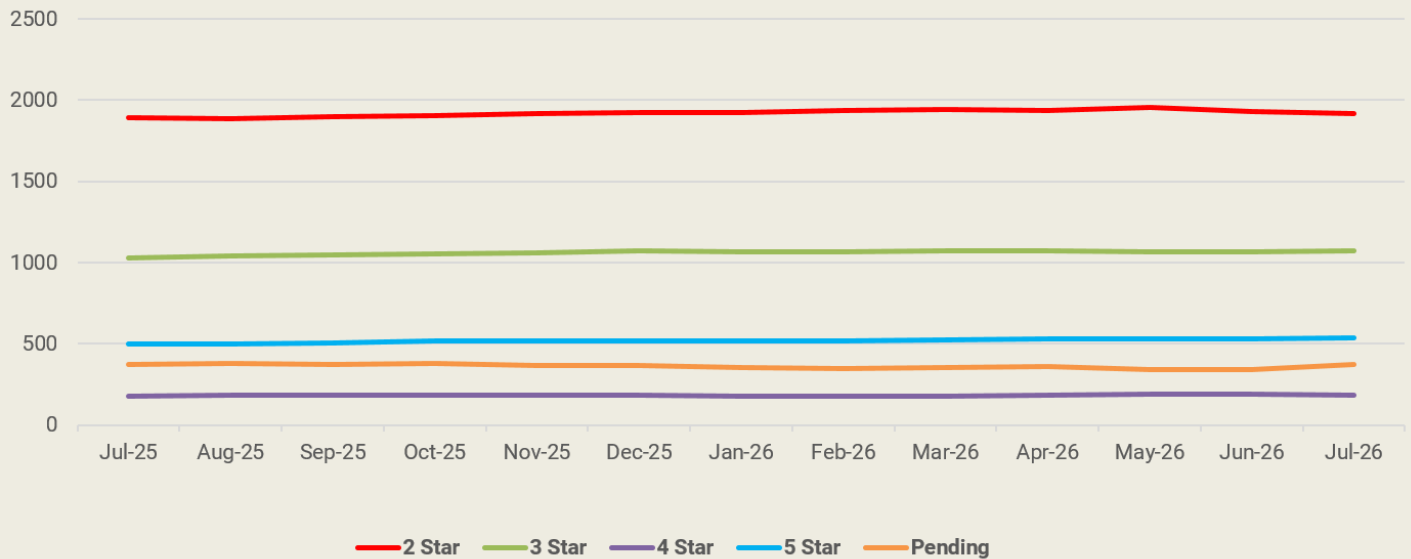
The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



The graph below shows movement in rating levels for providers over the past year.

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Provider Rating - 7/1/2026



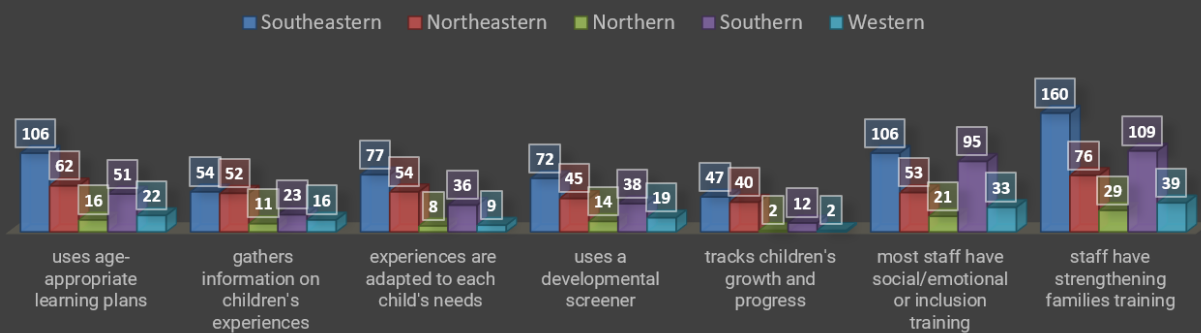
★ High-Quality Practices:

As part of the YoungStar evaluation process, programs can be evaluated for having key high-quality practices. The number of programs with high-quality practices is shown below by region.

	uses age-appropriate learning plans	gathers information on children's experiences	experiences are adapted to each child's needs	uses a developmental screener	tracks children's growth and progress	most staff have social/emotional or inclusion training	staff have strengthening families training
Southeastern	106	54	77	72	47	106	160
Northeastern	62	52	54	45	40	53	76
Northern	16	11	8	14	2	21	29
Southern	51	23	36	38	12	95	109
Western	22	16	9	19	2	33	39
Total	257	156	184	188	103	308	413

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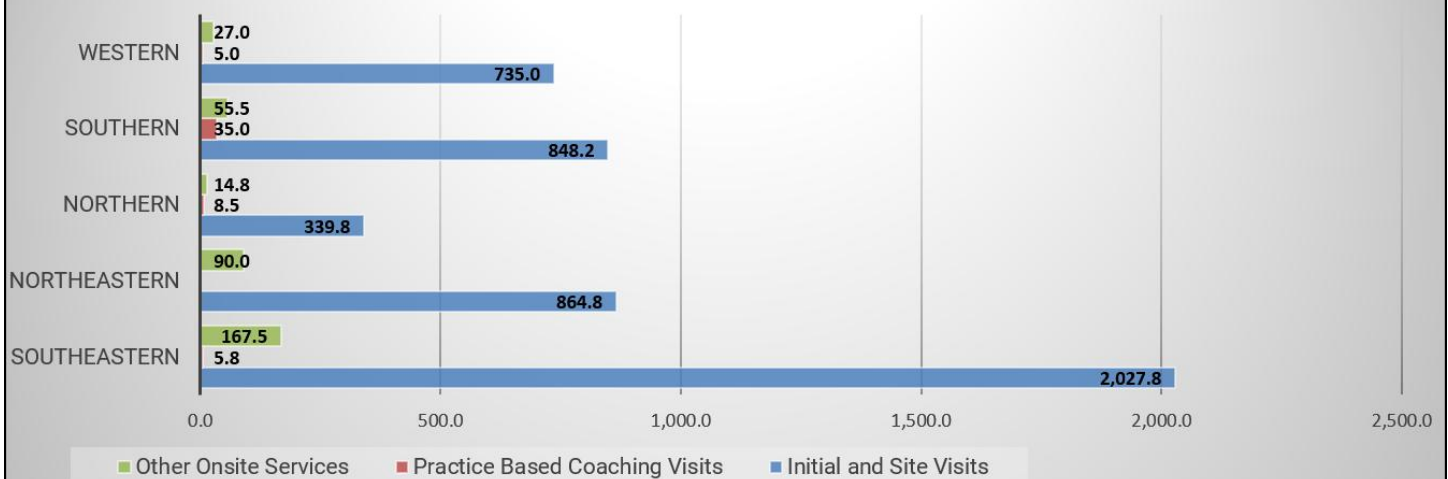
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 7/1/2026



★ Onsite Services:

YoungStar provides thousands of hours of direct consultation and coaching services every year to help early care programs with quality improvement across the state. Direct services include things like site visits, practice based coaching services, and formal rating verification visits. The number of hours provided year-to-date are shown in the chart below by type and region.

Year-to-Date Consultation and Coaching - Direct Service Hours by Type and Region - 7/1/2026



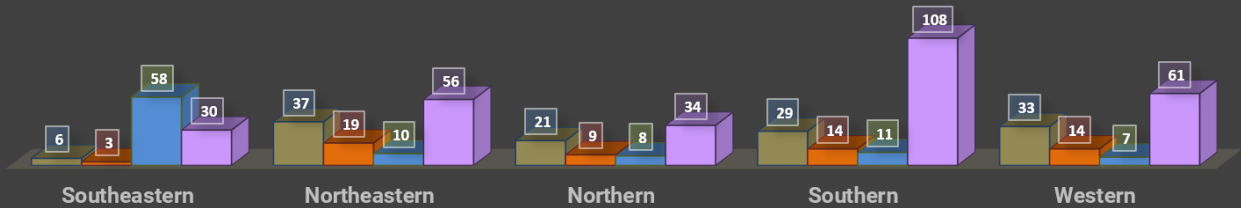
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★ YoungStar Data on Partnerships:

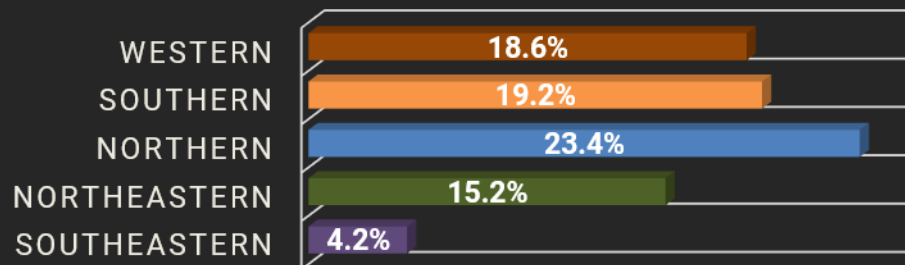
Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	6	3	58	30	2,175
Northeastern	37	19	10	56	561
Northern	21	9	8	34	218
Southern	29	14	11	108	691
Western	33	14	7	61	441
Statewide	126	59	94	289	4,086

OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 7/1/2026

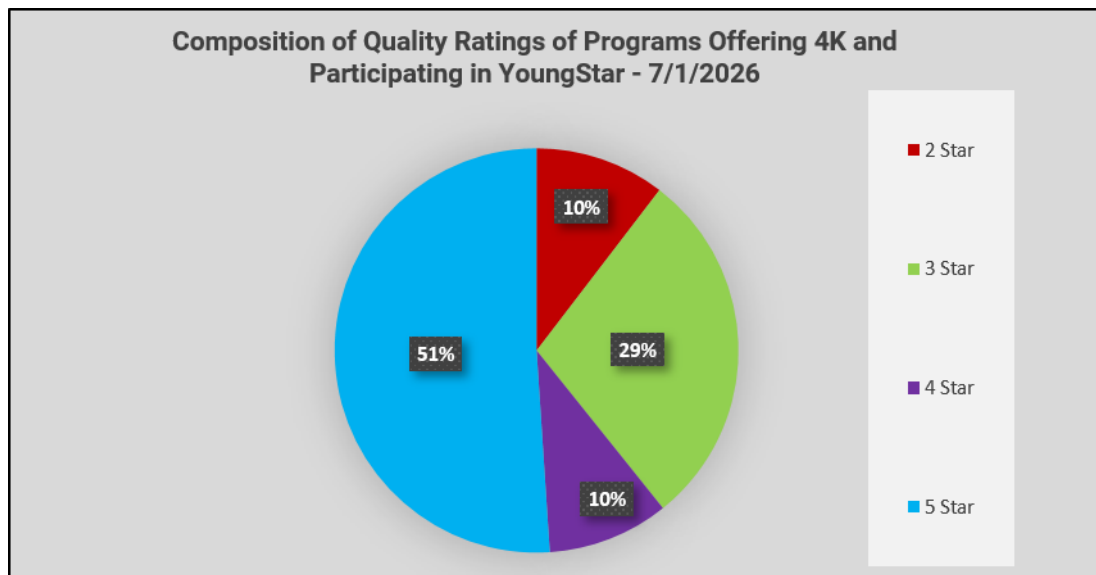
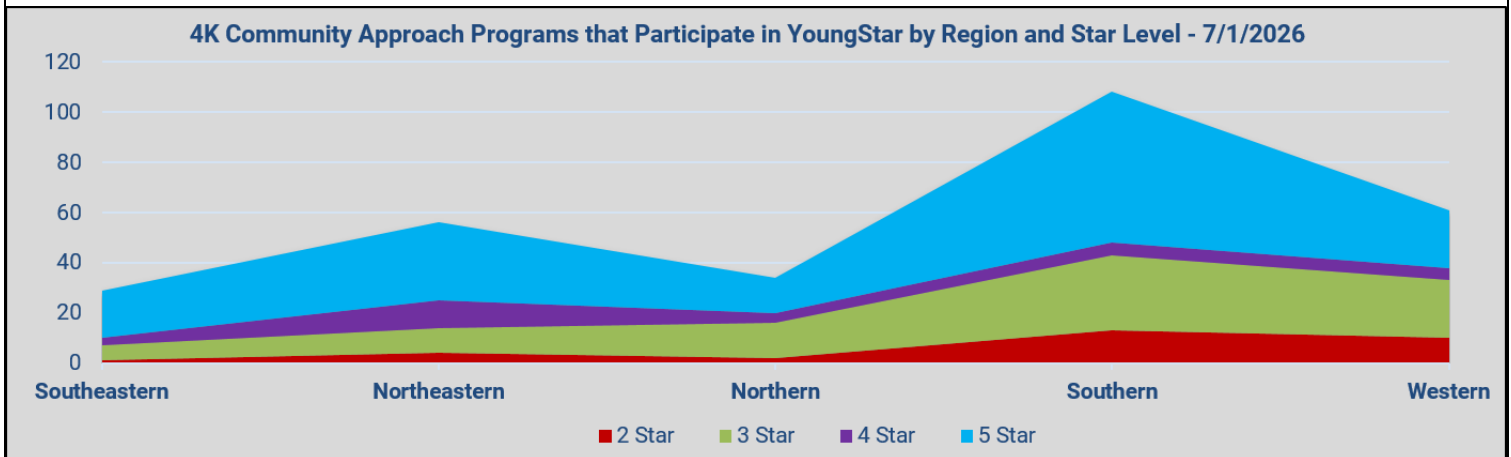
■ Standalone Head Starts ■ Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations ■ Head Start Child Care Partners ■ 4K Collaborations



PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 7/1/2026



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The Head Start/4K Child Care Collaboration information is based on returned surveys and all programs may not be included.

Please see <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/impact> for more details.

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