

Narrative of Monthly Report June 2026

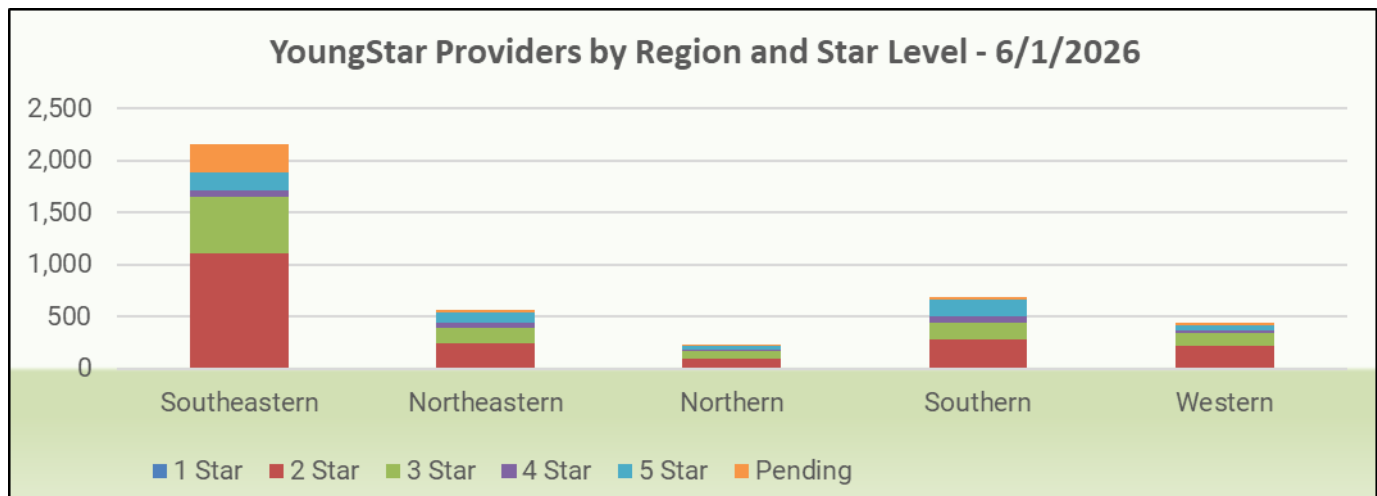
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

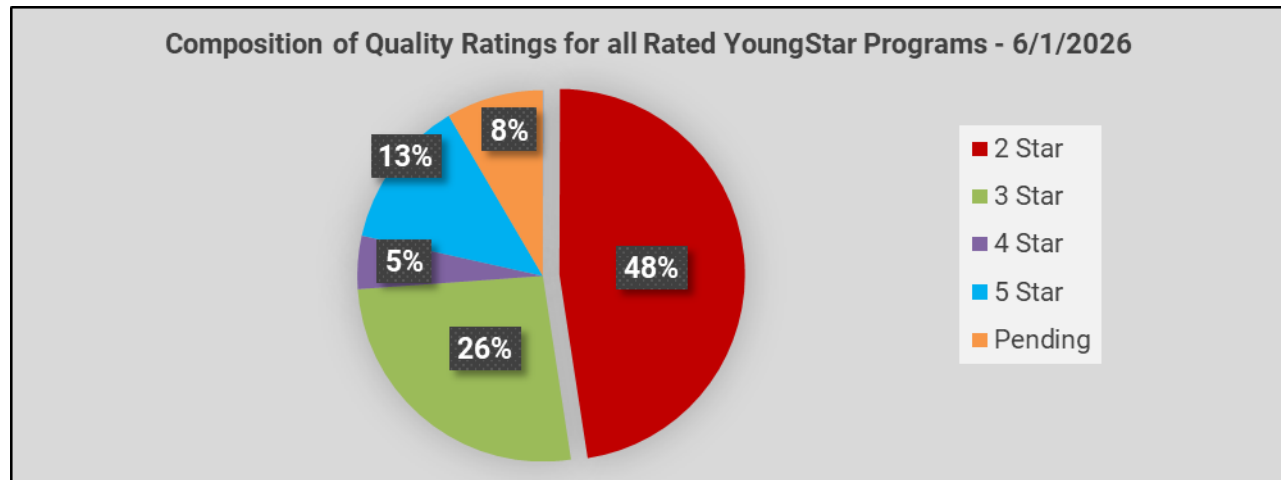
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 4,066 programs participating in YoungStar. This is a decrease of 25 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	2	1,102	544	61	174	273	2,156
Northeastern	0	238	158	46	95	22	559
Northern	0	93	77	12	31	8	221
Southern	0	283	162	53	170	19	687
Western	0	216	128	16	61	22	443
Total	2	1,932	1,069	188	531	344	4,066



Data as of 6/30/2026

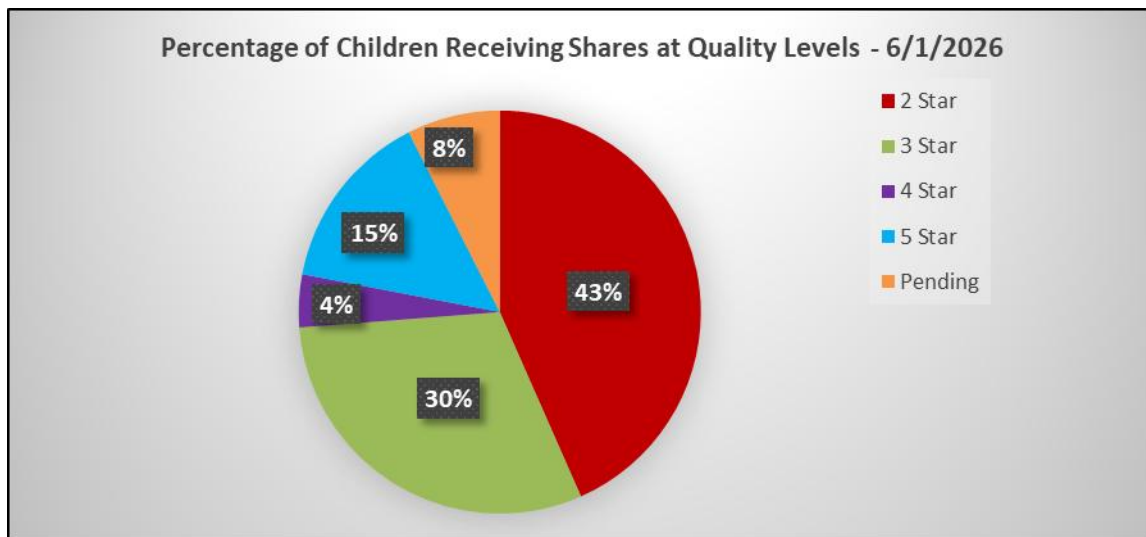
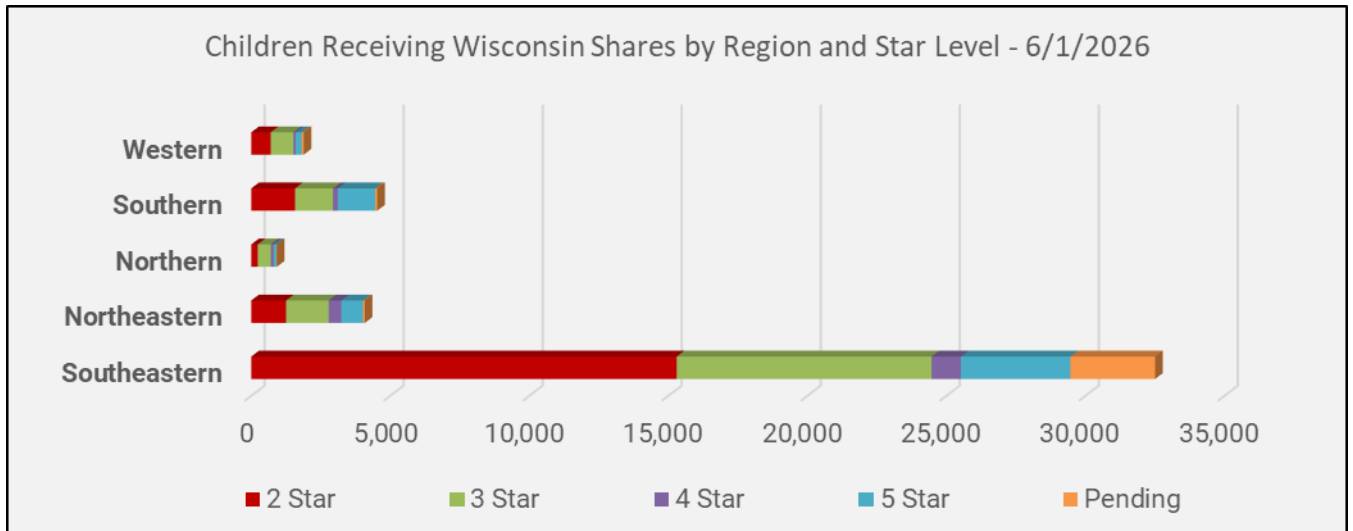


★ Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,722. There were an additional 344 programs with pending ratings. There were 3,130 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.

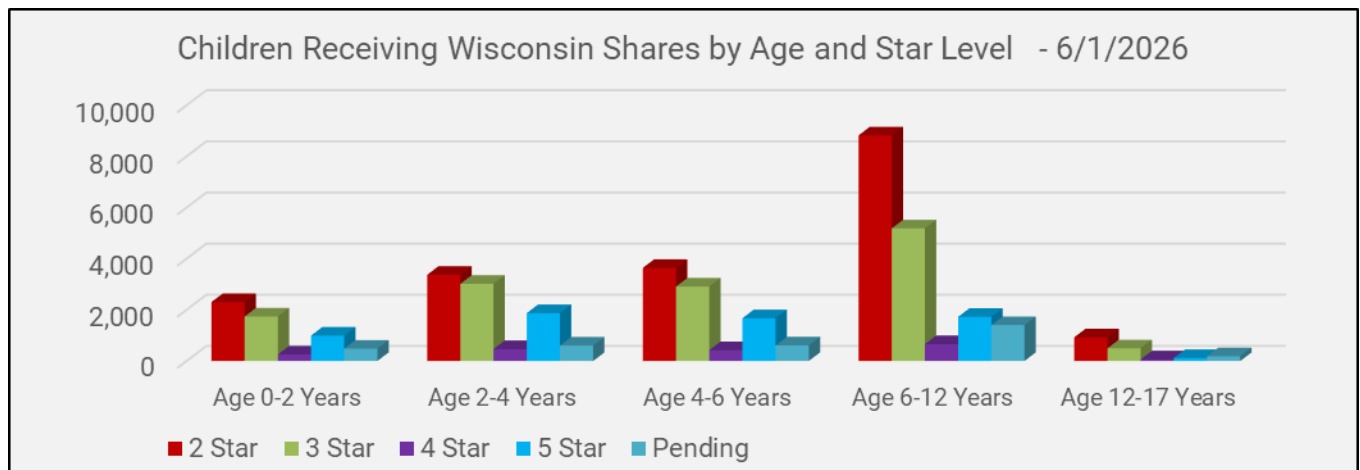
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	15,299	9,165	1,056	3,937	3,050	32,507
Northeastern	1,251	1,533	455	779	64	4,082
Northern	232	474	94	100	19	919
Southern	1,575	1,365	174	1,339	77	4,530
Western	700	813	84	220	70	1,887
Total	19,057	13,350	1,863	6,375	3,280	43,925

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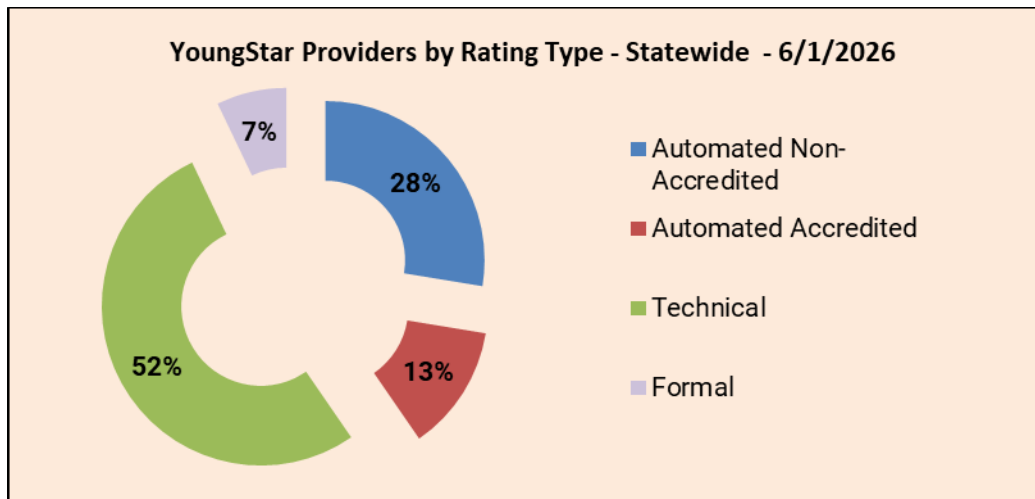
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,302	1,741	256	994	481	5,774
Age 2-4 Years	3,369	3,016	465	1,869	602	9,321
Age 4-6 Years	3,639	2,914	420	1,671	609	9,253
Age 6-12 Years	8,822	5,185	660	1,725	1,403	17,795
Age 12-17 Years	925	494	62	116	185	1,782
Total	19,057	13,350	1,863	6,375	3,280	43,925



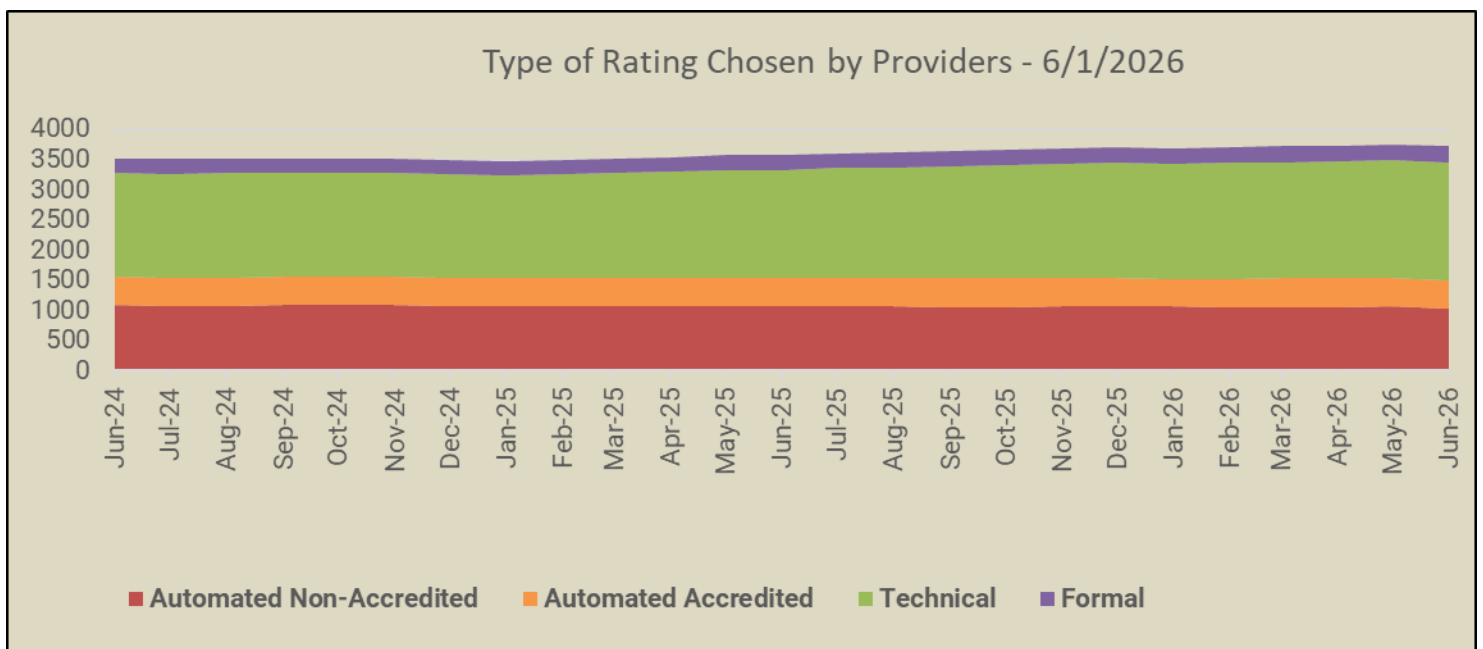
★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

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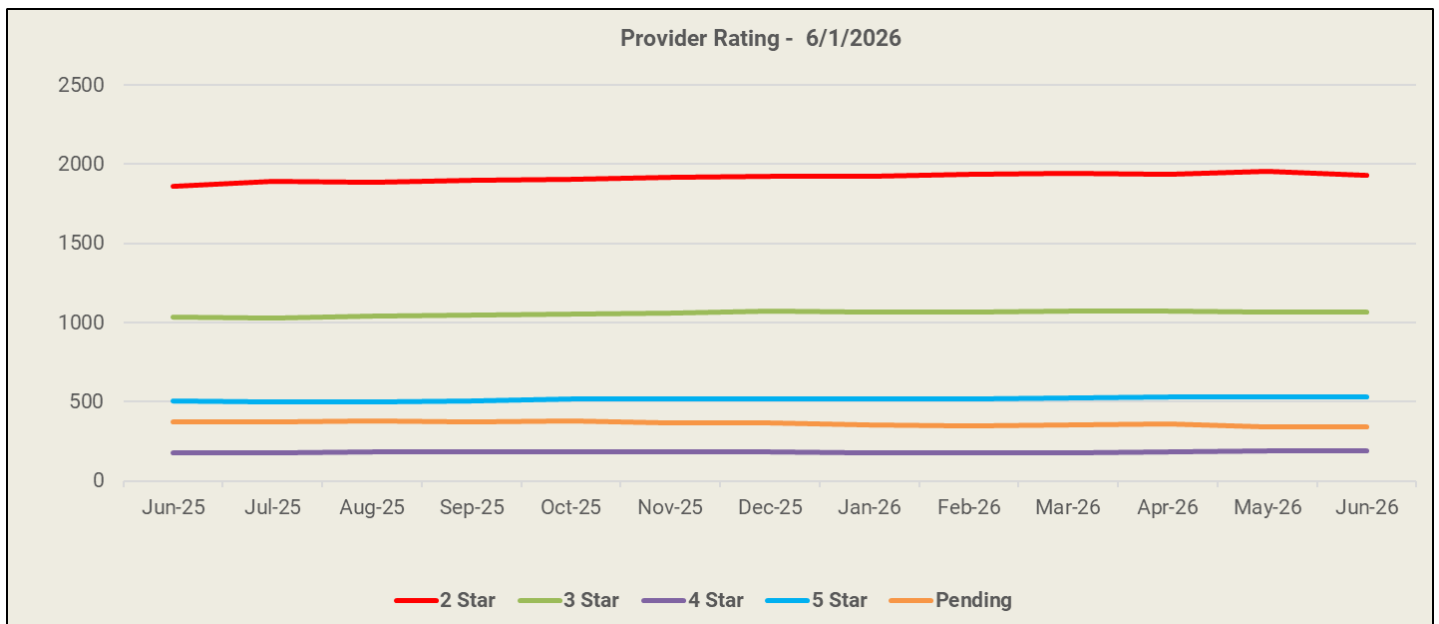


The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



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

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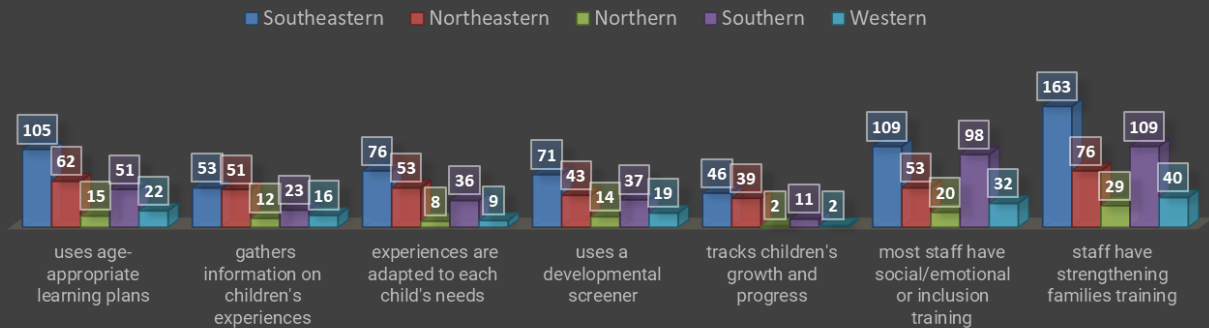
★ High-Quality Practices:

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	105	53	76	71	46	109	163
Northeastern	62	51	53	43	39	53	76
Northern	15	12	8	14	2	20	29
Southern	51	23	36	37	11	98	109
Western	22	16	9	19	2	32	40
Total	255	155	182	184	100	312	417

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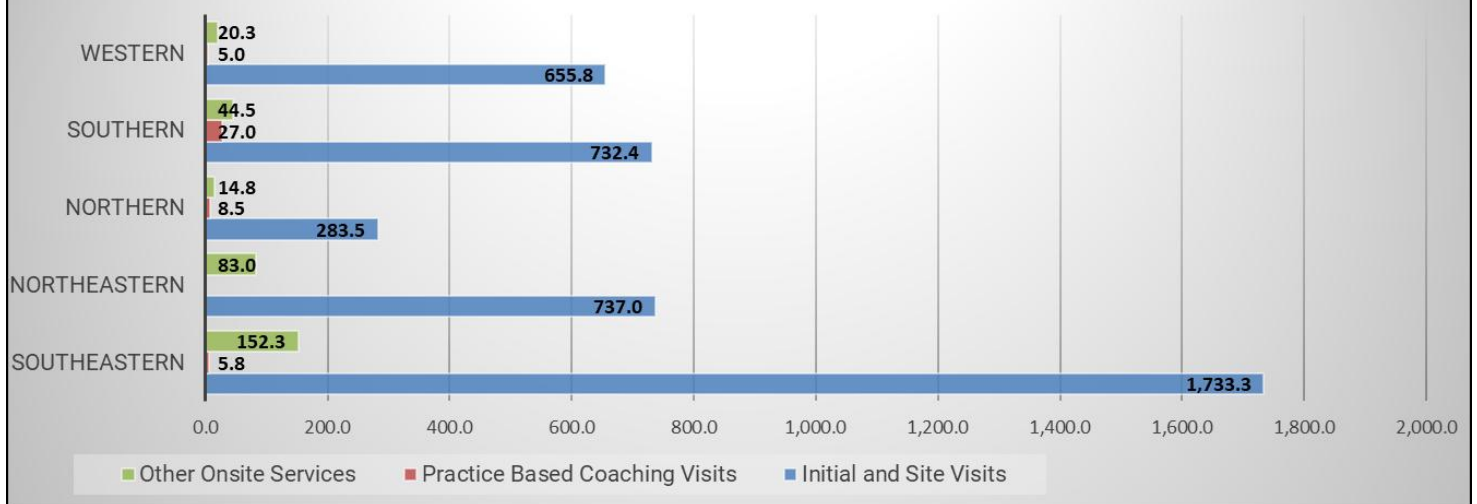
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 6/1/2026



★ 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.

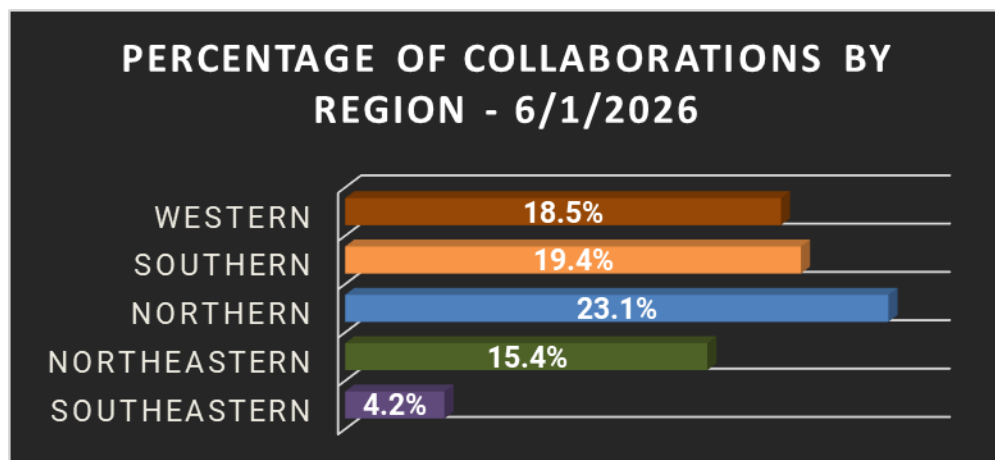
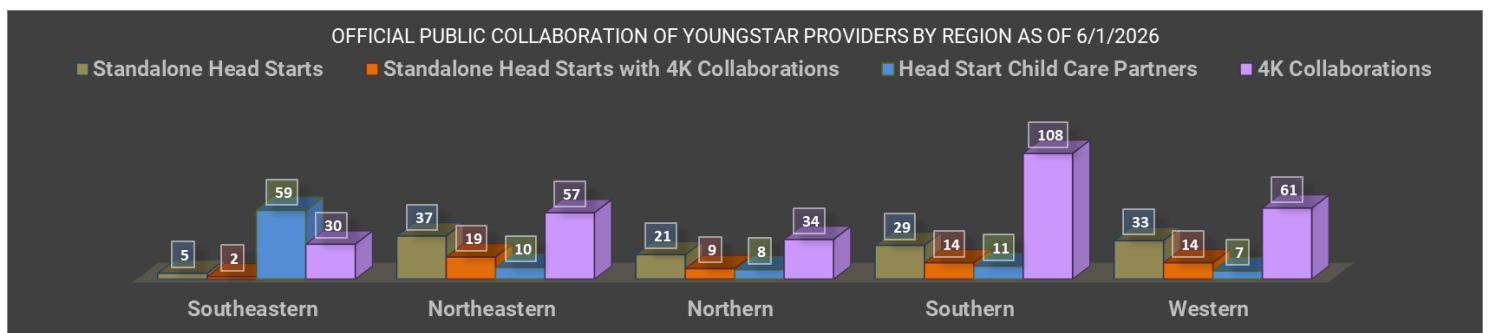
Year-to-Date Consultation and Coaching - Direct Service Hours by Type and Region - 6/1/2026



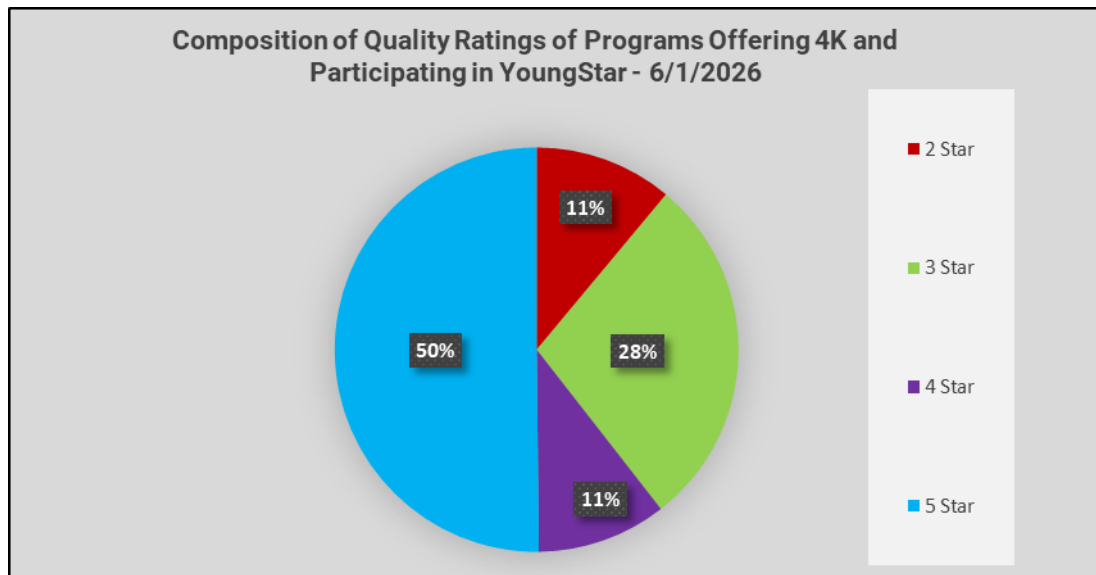
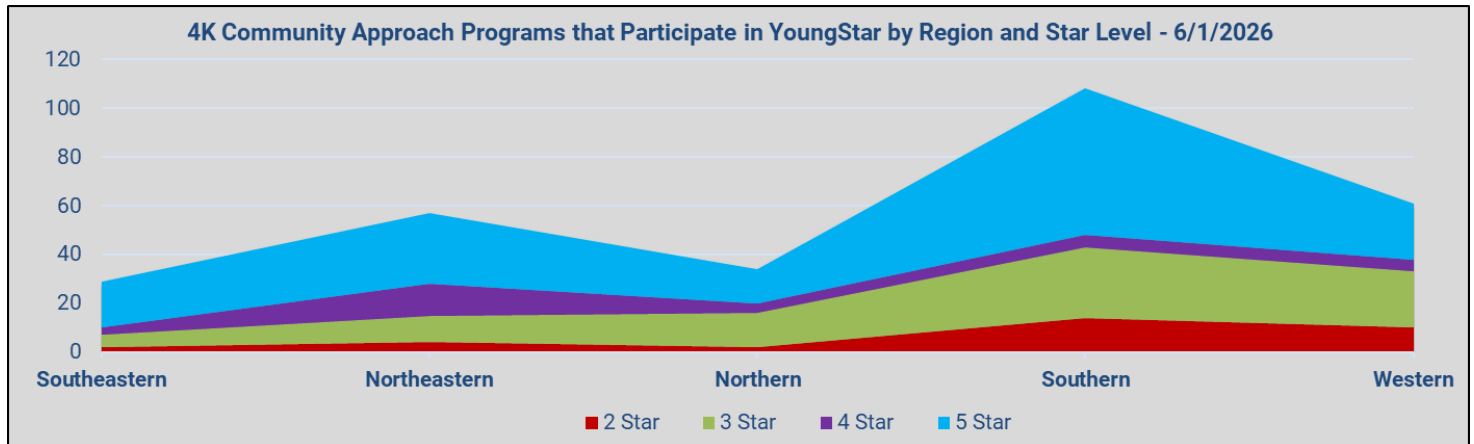
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★ YoungStar Data on Partnerships:

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	2	59	30	2,156
Northeastern	37	19	10	57	559
Northern	21	9	8	34	221
Southern	29	14	11	108	687
Western	33	14	7	61	443
Statewide	125	58	95	290	4,066



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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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