

Narrative of Monthly Report December 2023

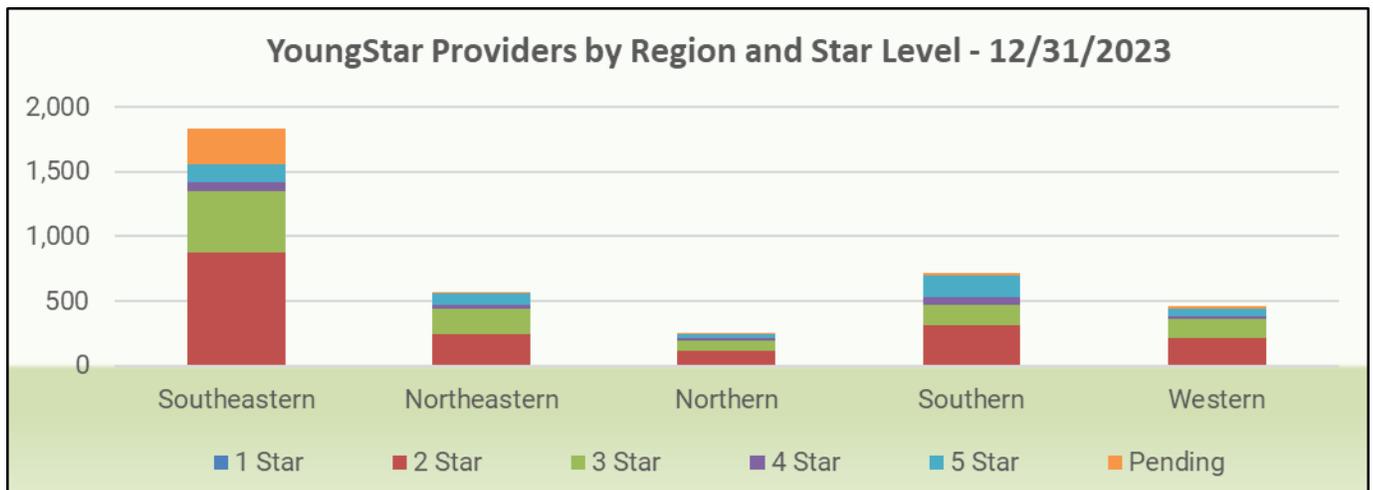
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

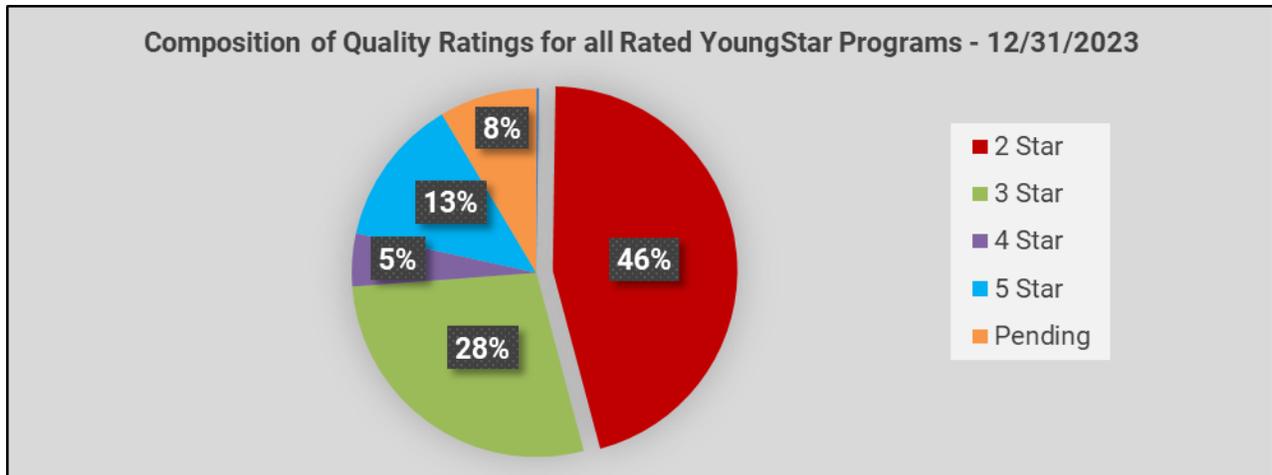
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 3,831 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 35 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	7	869	478	63	144	268	1,829
Northeastern	1	242	195	31	87	15	571
Northern	0	112	86	12	33	11	254
Southern	1	307	167	55	169	16	715
Western	0	218	144	17	66	17	462
Total	9	1,748	1,070	178	499	327	3,831



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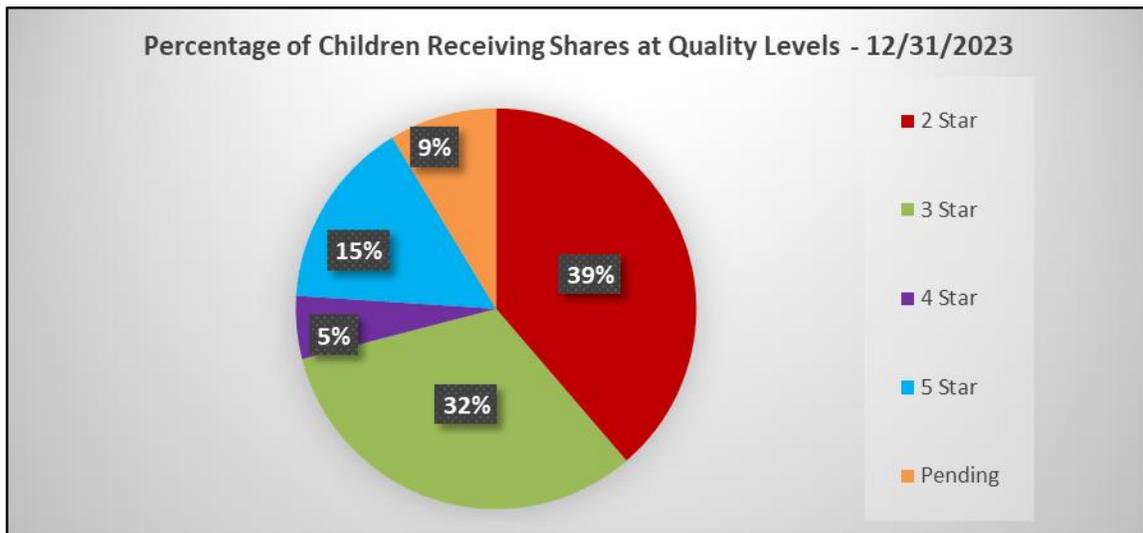
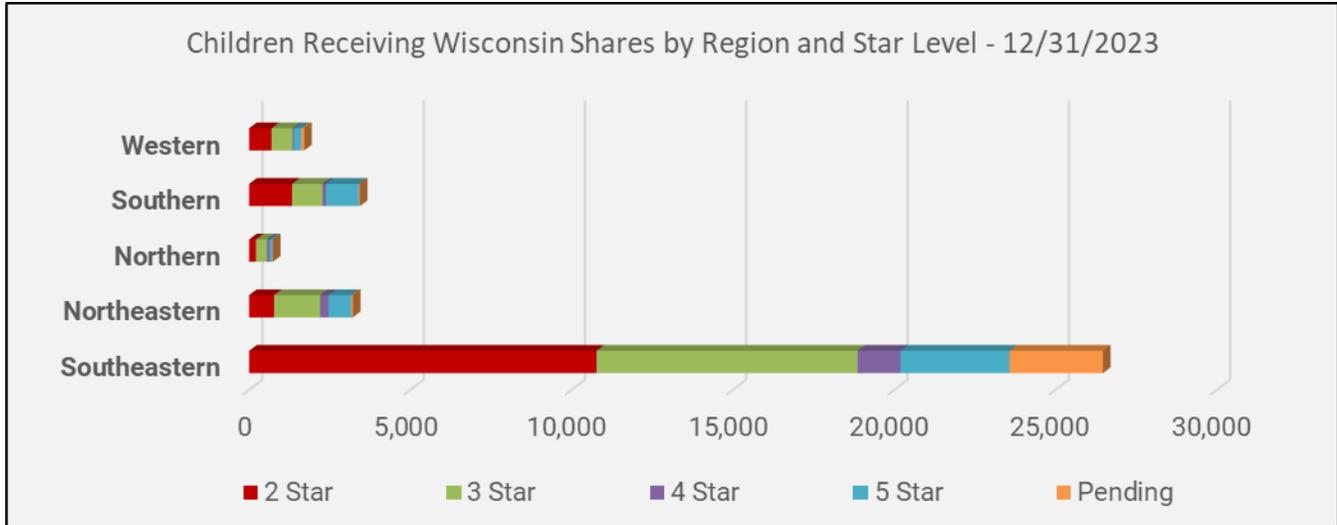


★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,504. There were an additional 327 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,889 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.

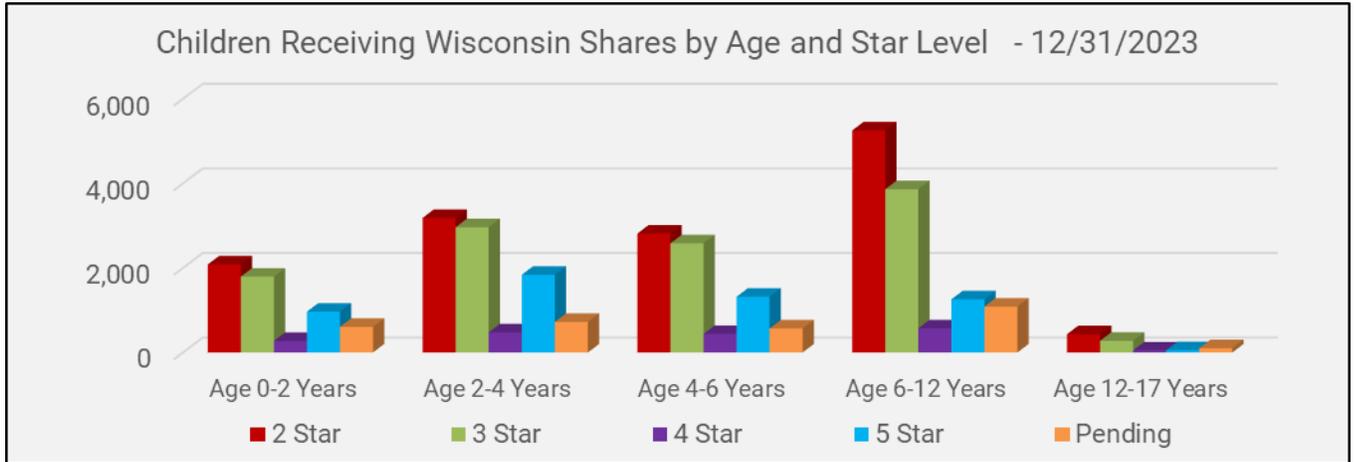
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	10,765	8,099	1,326	3,381	2,900	26,471
Northeastern	771	1,431	256	708	50	3,216
Northern	207	346	78	92	14	737
Southern	1,329	945	107	1,020	33	3,434
Western	694	652	40	231	91	1,708
Total	13,766	11,473	1,807	5,432	3,088	35,566

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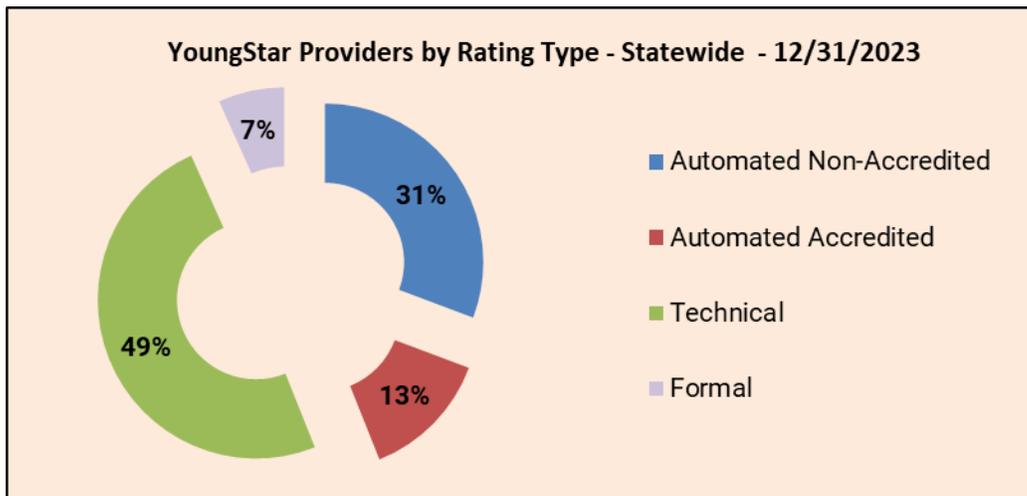
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,084	1,794	273	966	606	5,723
Age 2-4 Years	3,181	2,961	476	1,836	724	9,178
Age 4-6 Years	2,814	2,581	439	1,318	570	7,722
Age 6-12 Years	5,253	3,861	571	1,258	1,086	12,029
Age 12-17 Years	433	276	48	54	102	913
Total	13,765	11,473	1,807	5,432	3,088	35,565

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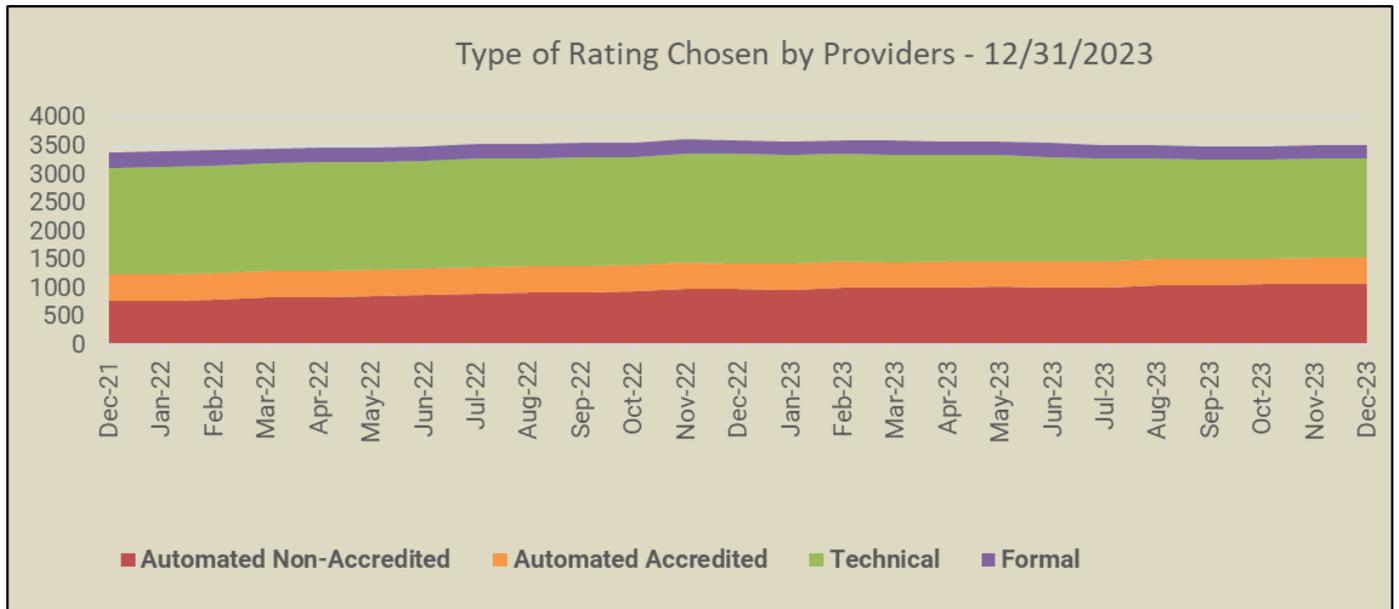
★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

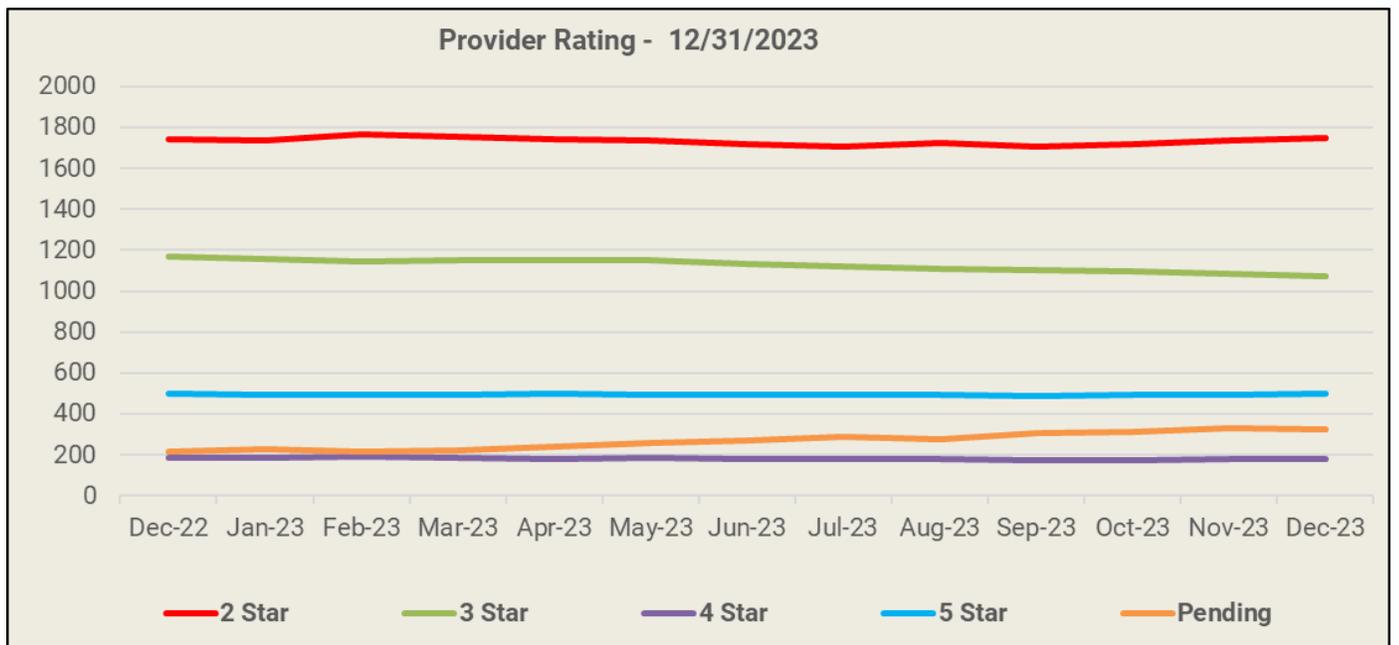


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The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



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



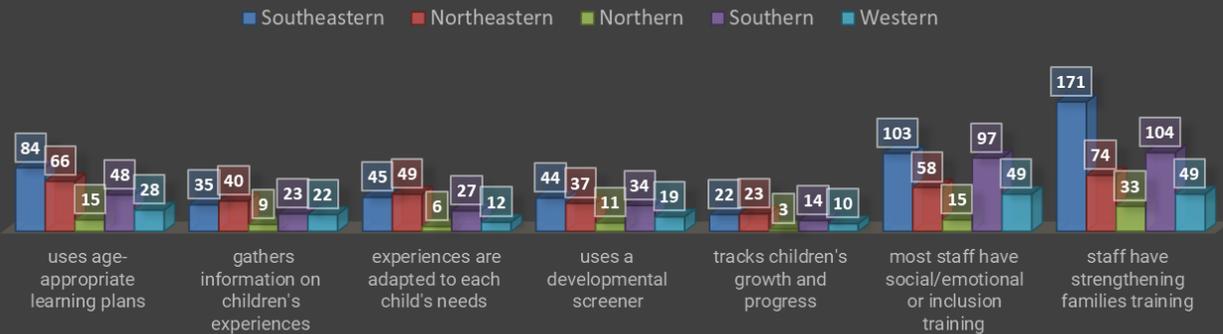
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★ **High-Quality Practices:**

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	84	35	45	44	22	103	171
Northeastern	66	40	49	37	23	58	74
Northern	15	9	6	11	3	15	33
Southern	48	23	27	34	14	97	104
Western	28	22	12	19	10	49	49
Total	241	129	139	145	72	322	431

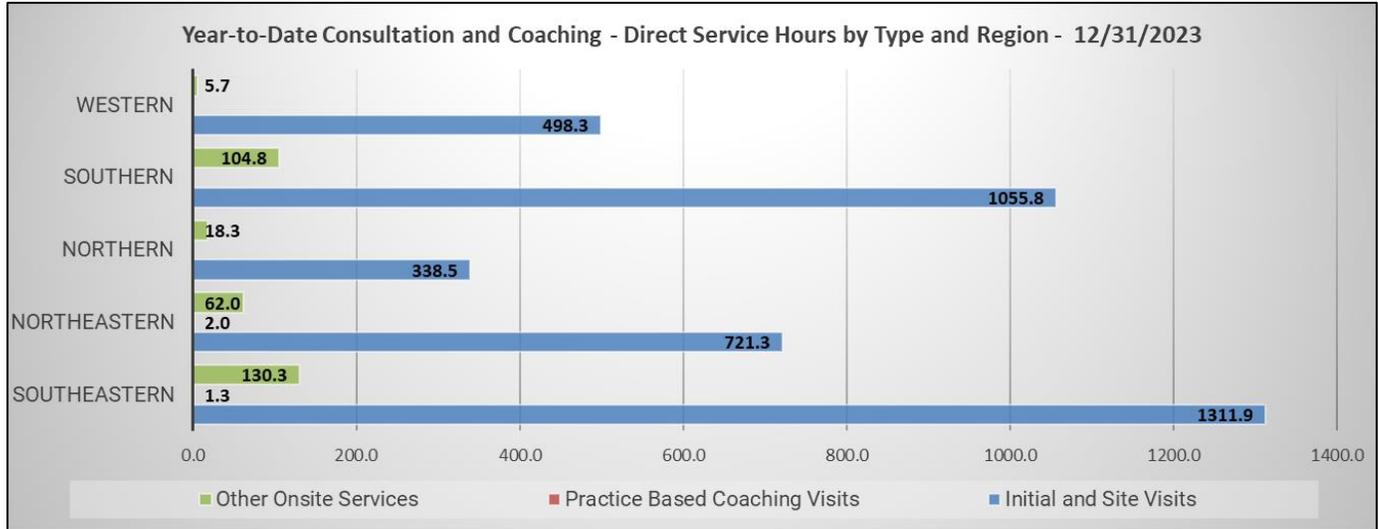
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 12/31/2023



★ **Onsite Services:**

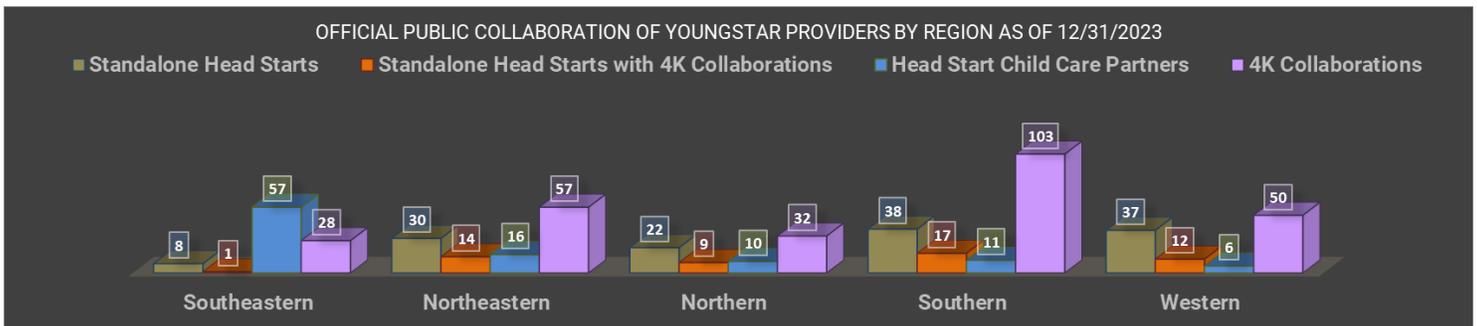
YoungStar provides thousands of hours of direct consultation and coaching services every year to help early care programs with quality improvement across the state. Direct services include things like site visits, practice based coaching services, and formal rating verification visits. The number of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

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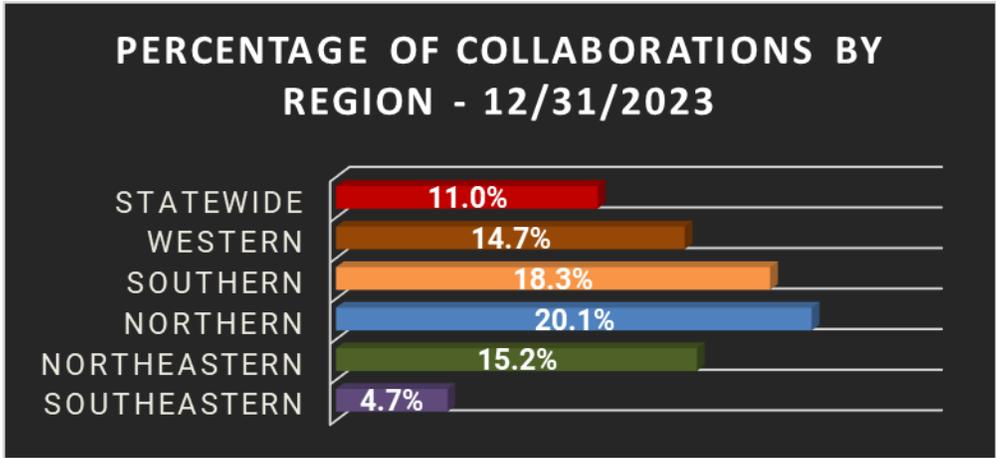
★ YoungStar Data on Partnerships:

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	8	1	57	28	1829
Northeastern	30	14	16	57	571
Northern	22	9	10	32	254
Southern	38	17	11	103	715
Western	37	12	6	50	462
Statewide	135	53	100	270	3831

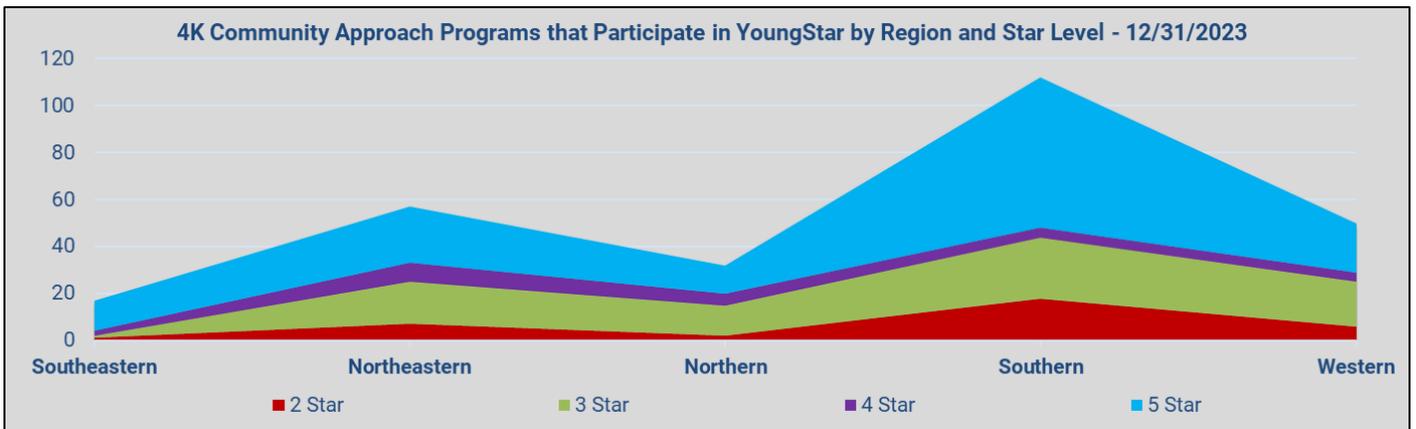


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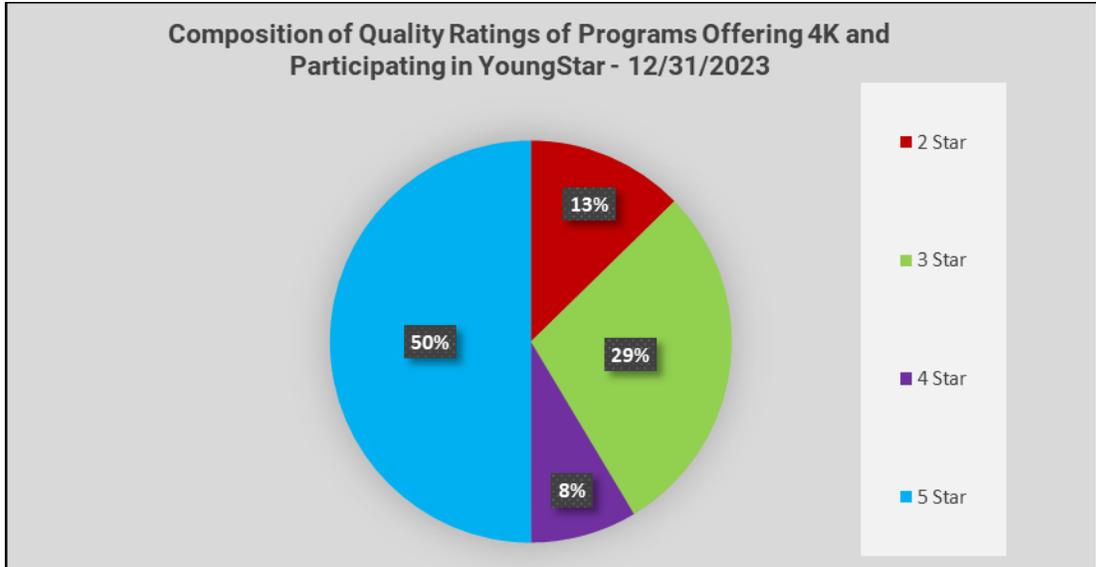
PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 12/31/2023



4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 12/31/2023



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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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