

## Narrative of Monthly Report February 2025

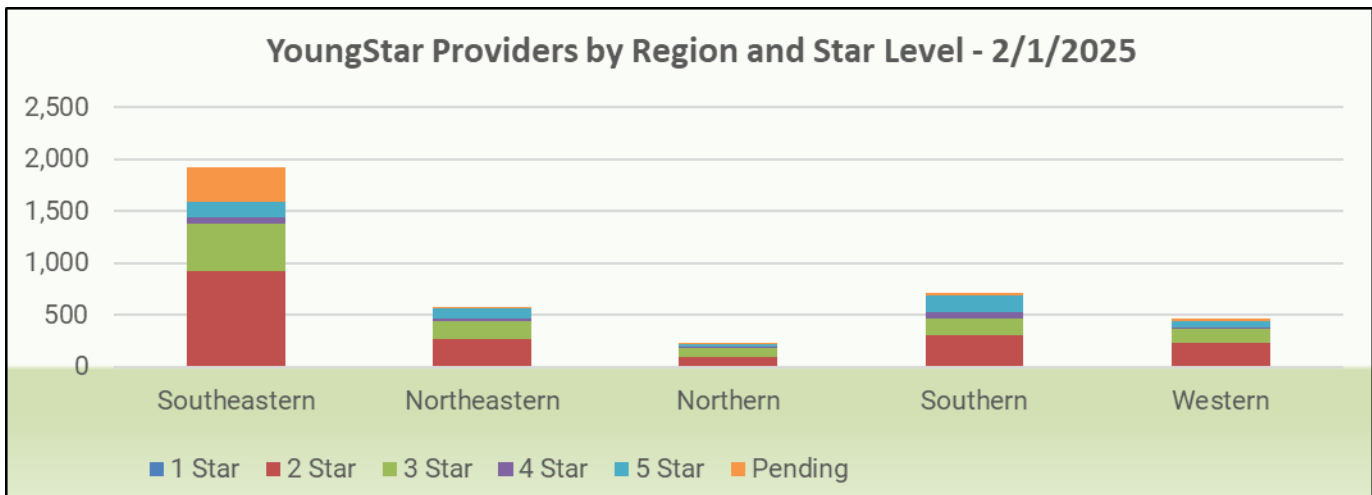
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

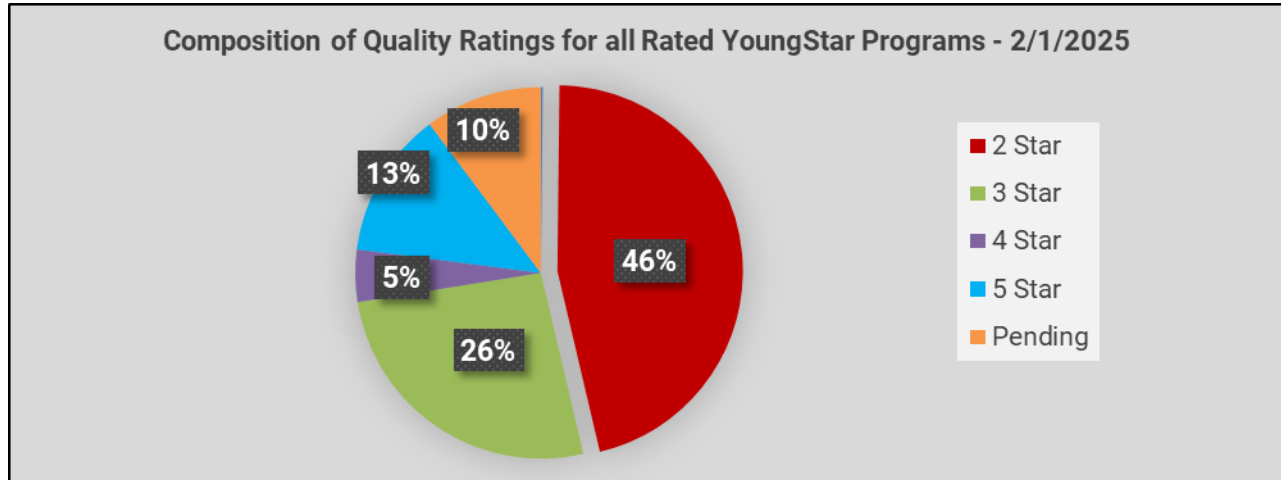
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 3,899 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 10 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
<b>Southeastern</b>	7	915	462	60	145	337	1,926
<b>Northeastern</b>	0	262	176	31	92	16	577
<b>Northern</b>	0	96	81	11	30	11	229
<b>Southern</b>	0	301	162	60	167	18	708
<b>Western</b>	0	225	139	15	63	17	459
<b>Total</b>	7	1,799	1,020	177	497	399	3,899



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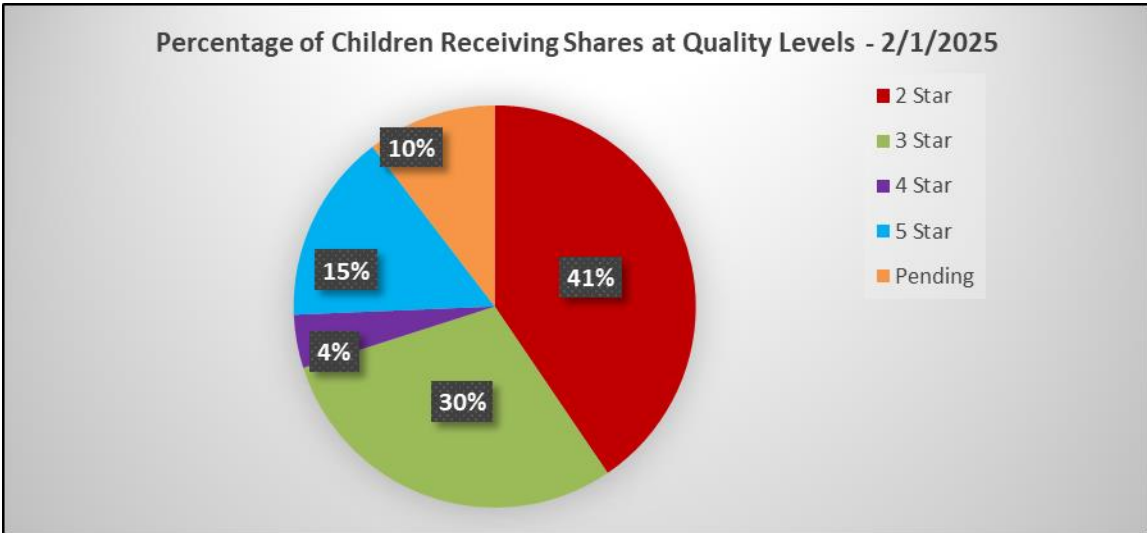
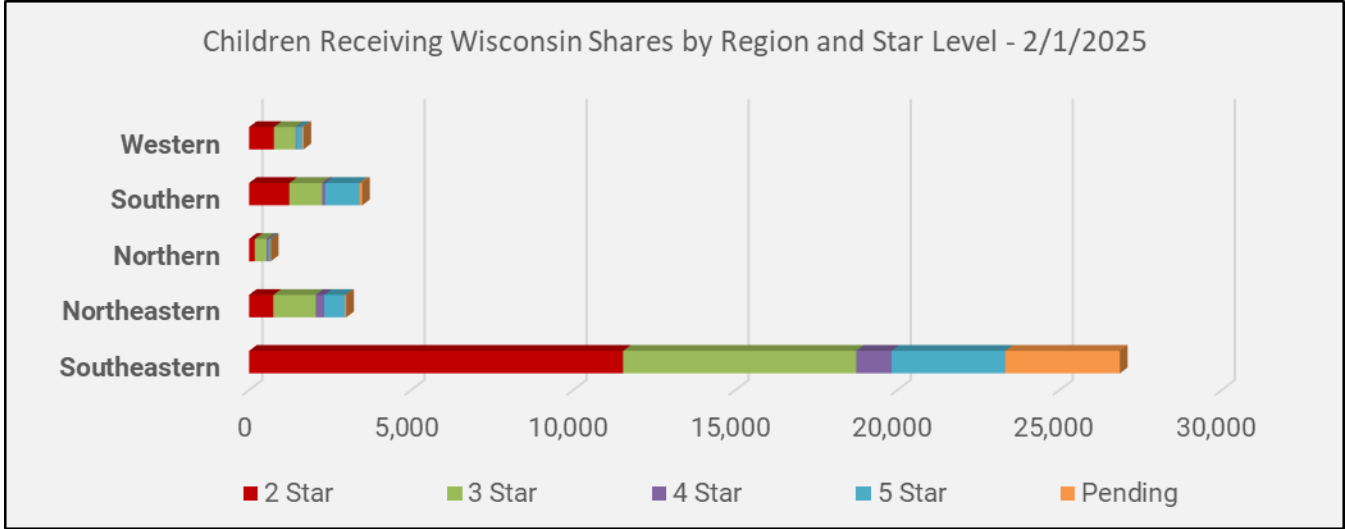


★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,500. There were an additional 399 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,839 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.

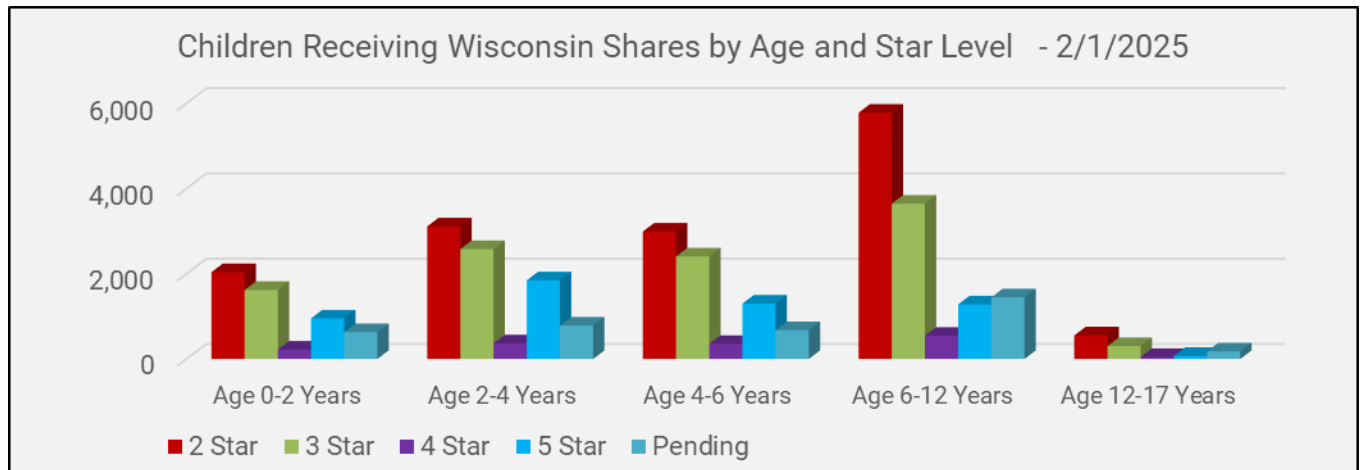
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
<b>Southeastern</b>	11,536	7,192	1,091	3,507	3,539	26,865
<b>Northeastern</b>	748	1,309	262	643	38	3,000
<b>Northern</b>	173	369	58	58	15	673
<b>Southern</b>	1,242	1,010	94	1,063	80	3,489
<b>Western</b>	766	673	25	177	39	1,680
<b>Total</b>	14,465	10,553	1,530	5,448	3,711	35,707

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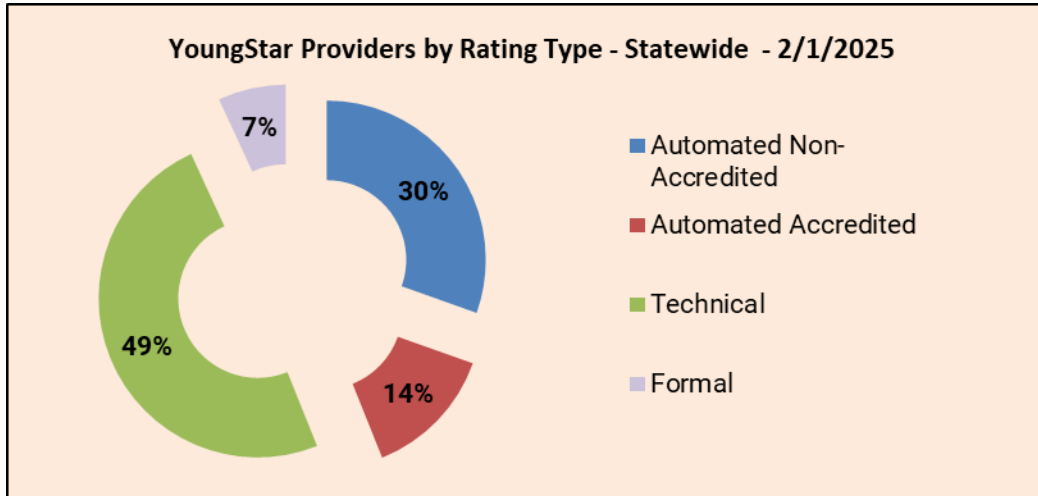
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
<b>Age 0-2 Years</b>	2,036	1,620	220	951	628	5,455
<b>Age 2-4 Years</b>	3,111	2,579	366	1,844	783	8,683
<b>Age 4-6 Years</b>	2,989	2,406	353	1,300	676	7,724
<b>Age 6-12 Years</b>	5,776	3,644	545	1,281	1,446	12,692
<b>Age 12-17 Years</b>	553	303	46	72	178	1,152
<b>Total</b>	14,465	10,553	1,530	5,448	3,711	35,707



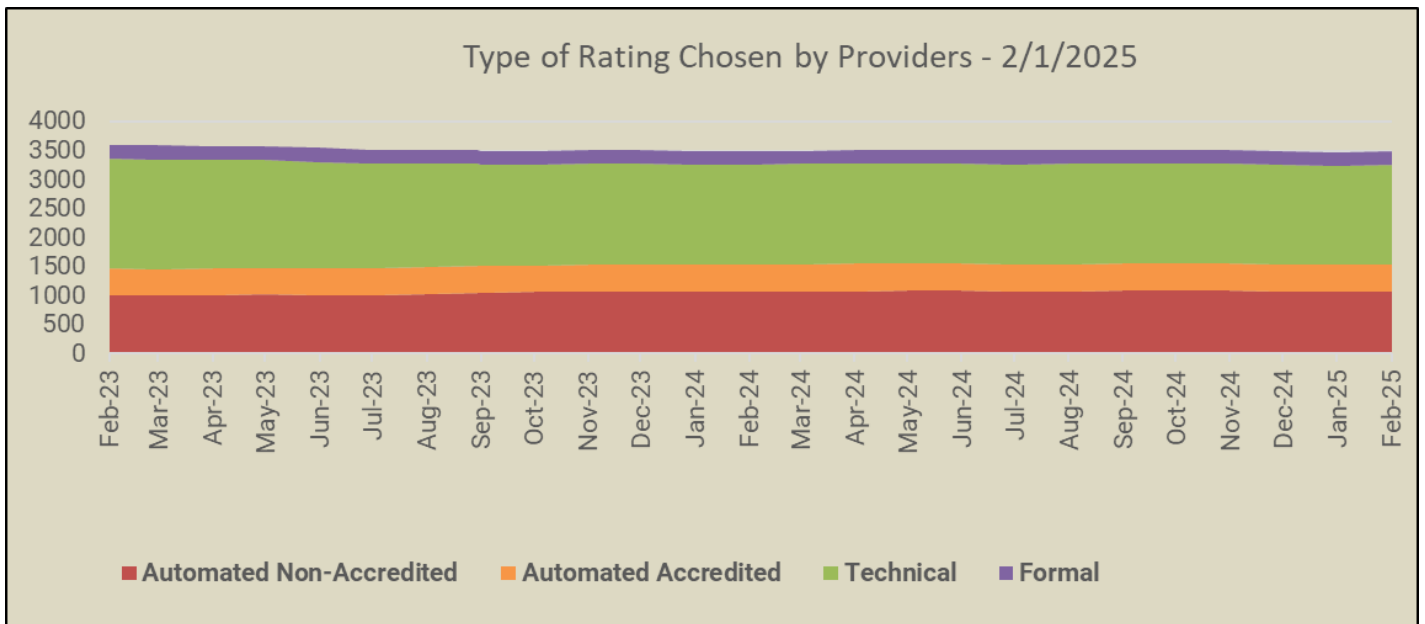
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★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

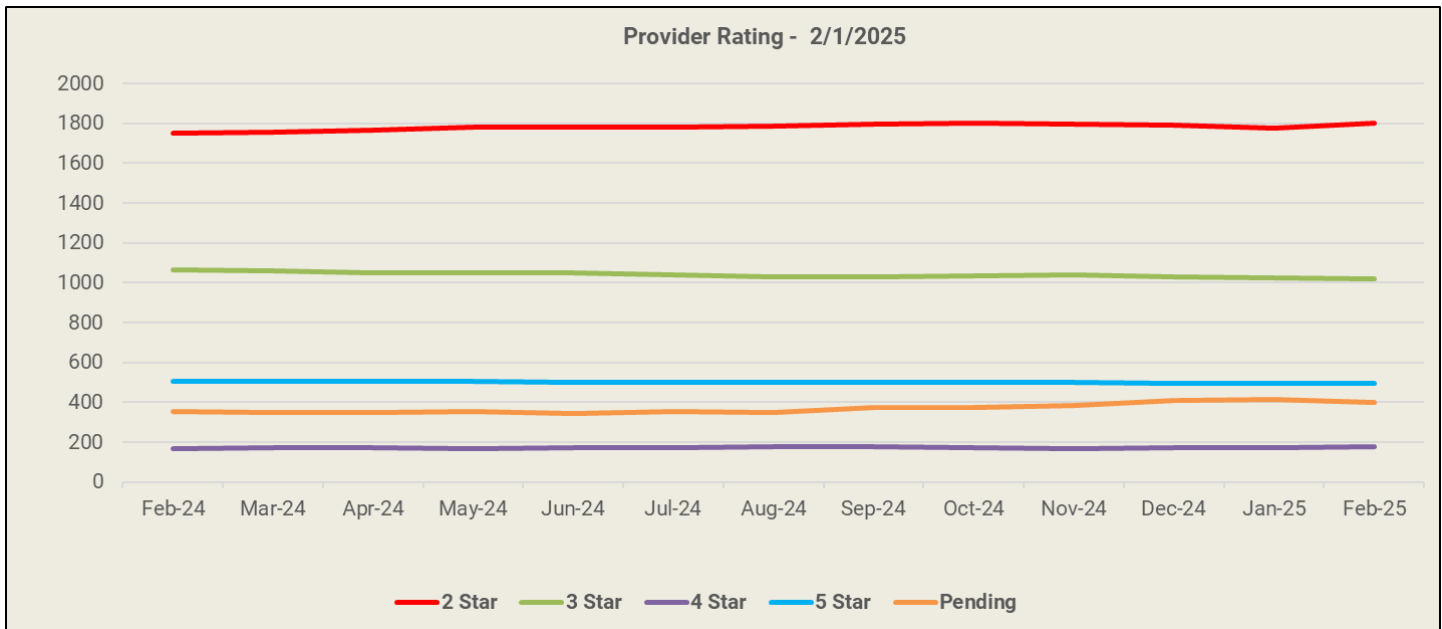


The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



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



★ **High-Quality Practices:**

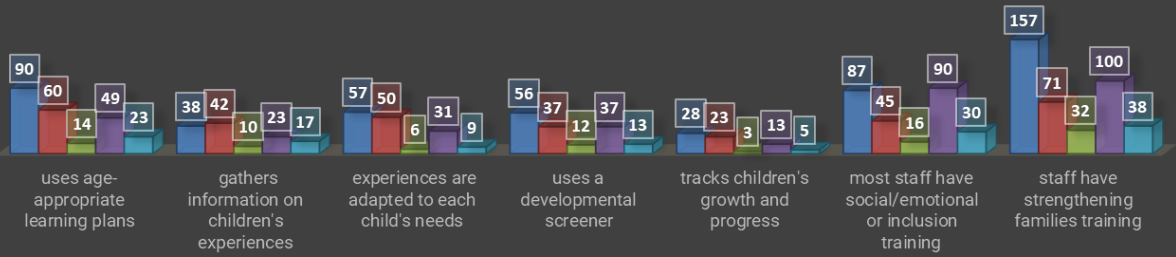
As part of the YoungStar evaluation process, programs can be evaluated for having key high-quality practices. The number of programs with high-quality practices is shown below by region.

	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	90	38	57	56	28	87	157
Northeastern	60	42	50	37	23	45	71
Northern	14	10	6	12	3	16	32
Southern	49	23	31	37	13	90	100
Western	23	17	9	13	5	30	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>398</b>

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### NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 2/1/2025

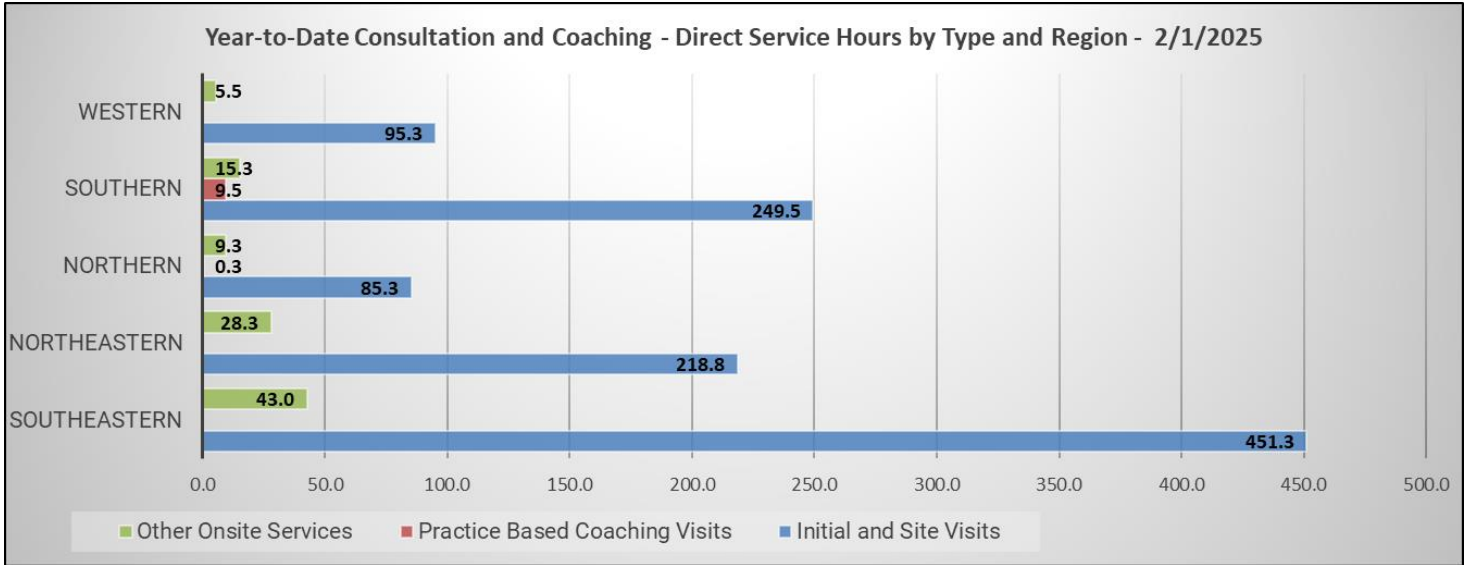
■ Southeastern ■ Northeastern ■ Northern ■ Southern ■ Western



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★ **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.



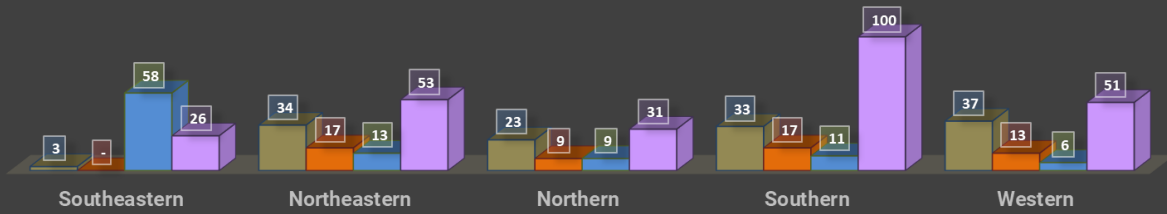
★ **YoungStar Data on Partnerships:**

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	3	-	58	26	1,926
Northeastern	34	17	13	53	577
Northern	23	9	9	31	229
Southern	33	17	11	100	708
Western	37	13	6	51	459
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>3,899</b>

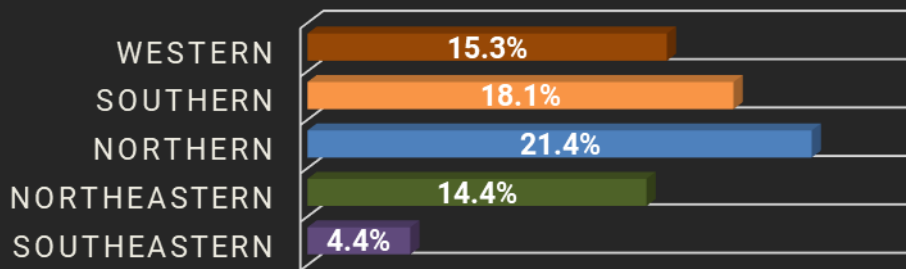
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 2/1/2025

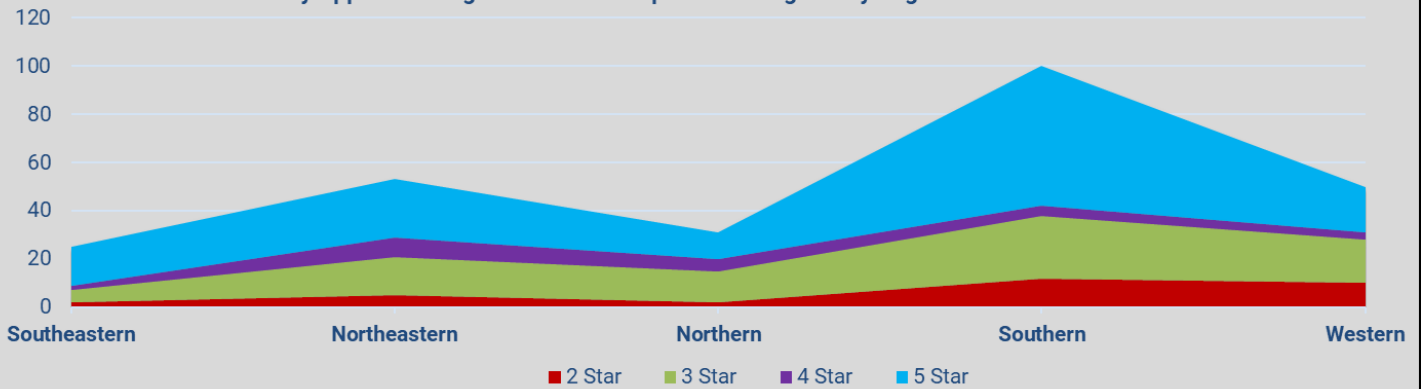
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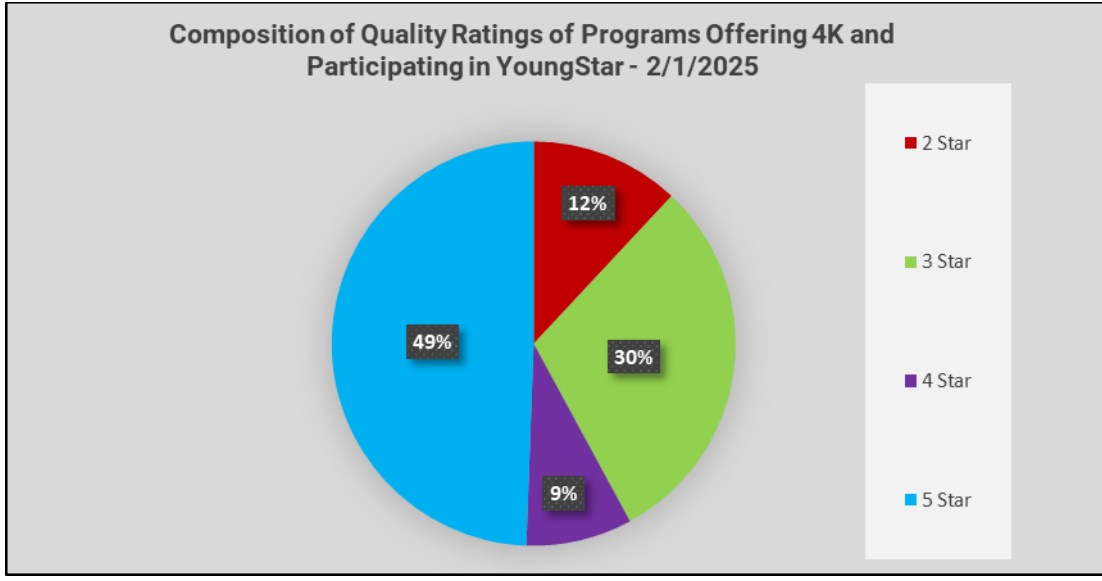
PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 2/1/2025



4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 2/1/2025



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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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