

Narrative of Monthly Report July 2025

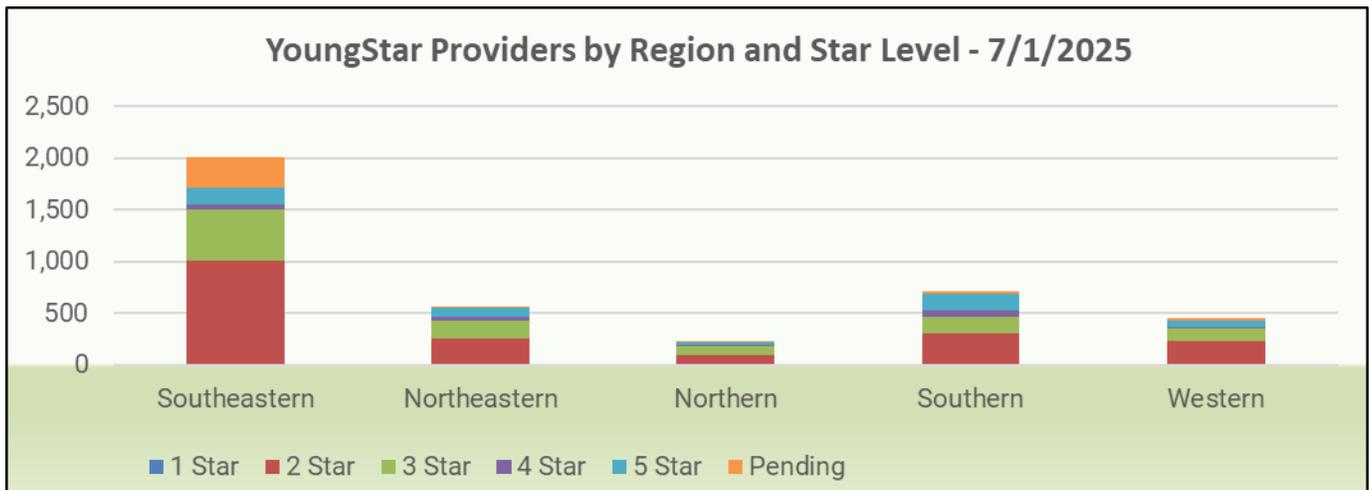
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

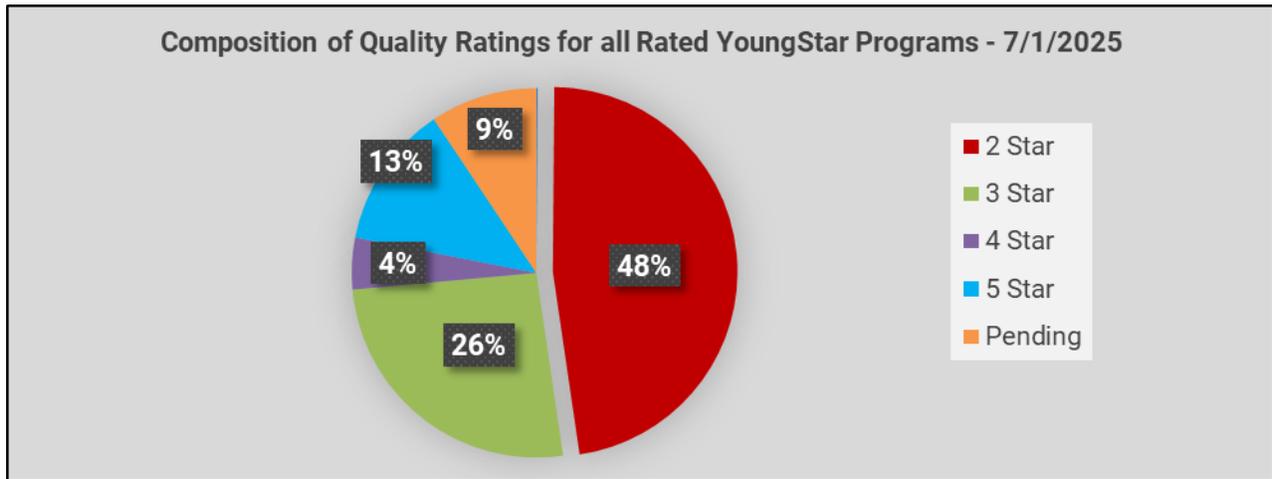
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 3,974 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 21 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	5	1,005	488	59	151	304	2,012
Northeastern	0	259	171	35	88	16	569
Northern	0	96	81	11	31	7	226
Southern	0	301	162	58	168	26	715
Western	0	229	126	17	61	19	452
Total	5	1,890	1,028	180	499	372	3,974



Data as of 7/31/2025

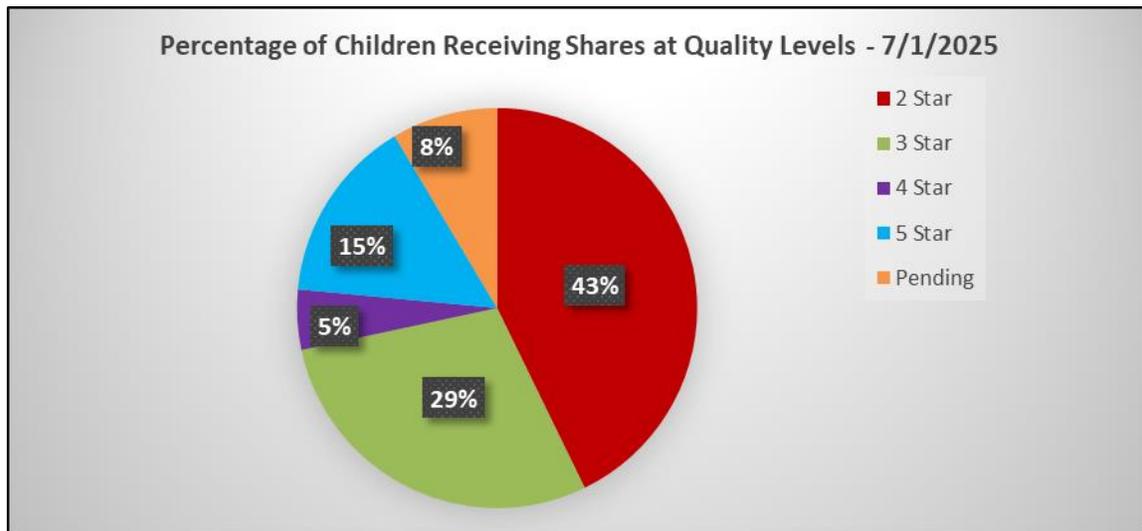
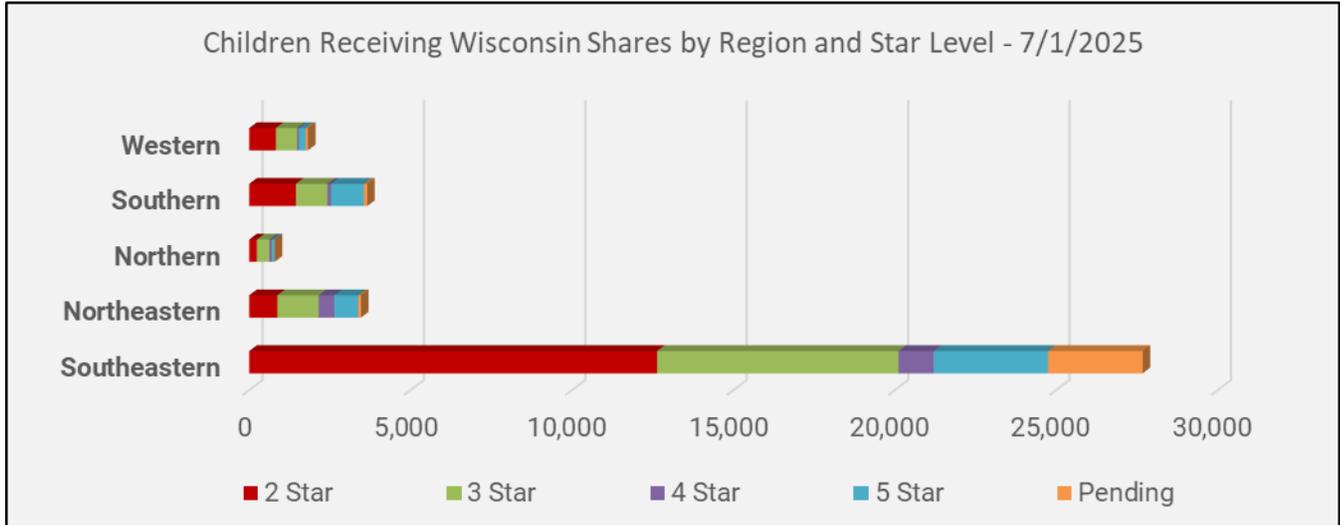


★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,602. There were an additional 372 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,730 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.

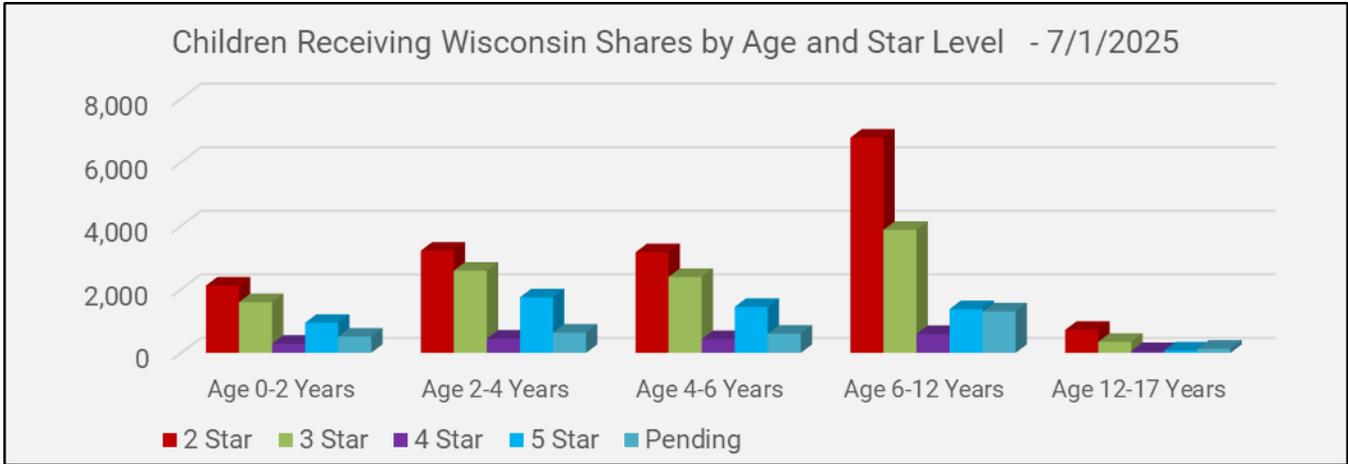
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	12,632	7,482	1,087	3,542	2,935	27,678
Northeastern	867	1,284	481	742	86	3,460
Northern	232	389	79	83	5	788
Southern	1,442	979	115	1,016	101	3,653
Western	826	654	56	215	67	1,818
Total	15,999	10,788	1,818	5,598	3,194	37,397

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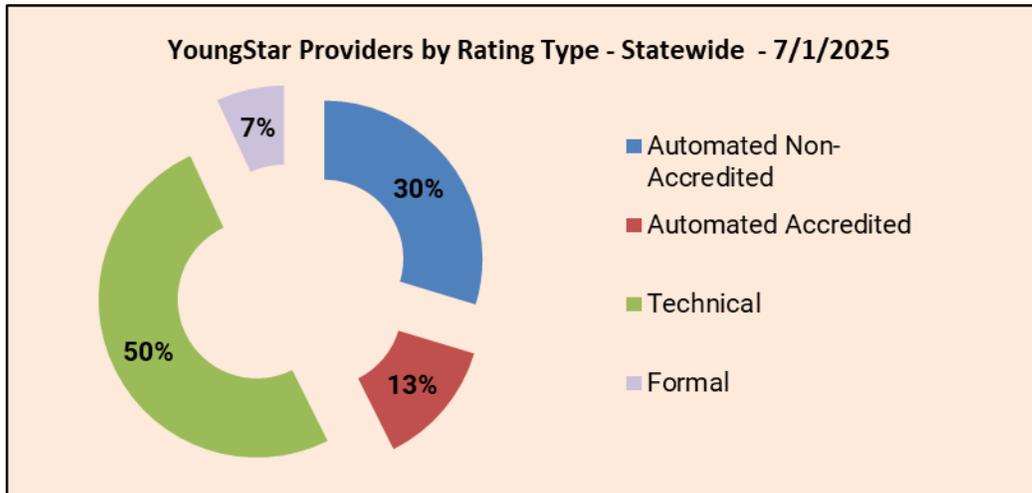
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,118	1,595	286	947	513	5,459
Age 2-4 Years	3,216	2,587	448	1,749	640	8,640
Age 4-6 Years	3,167	2,389	434	1,447	602	8,039
Age 6-12 Years	6,774	3,869	592	1,378	1,306	13,919
Age 12-17 Years	724	348	58	77	133	1,340
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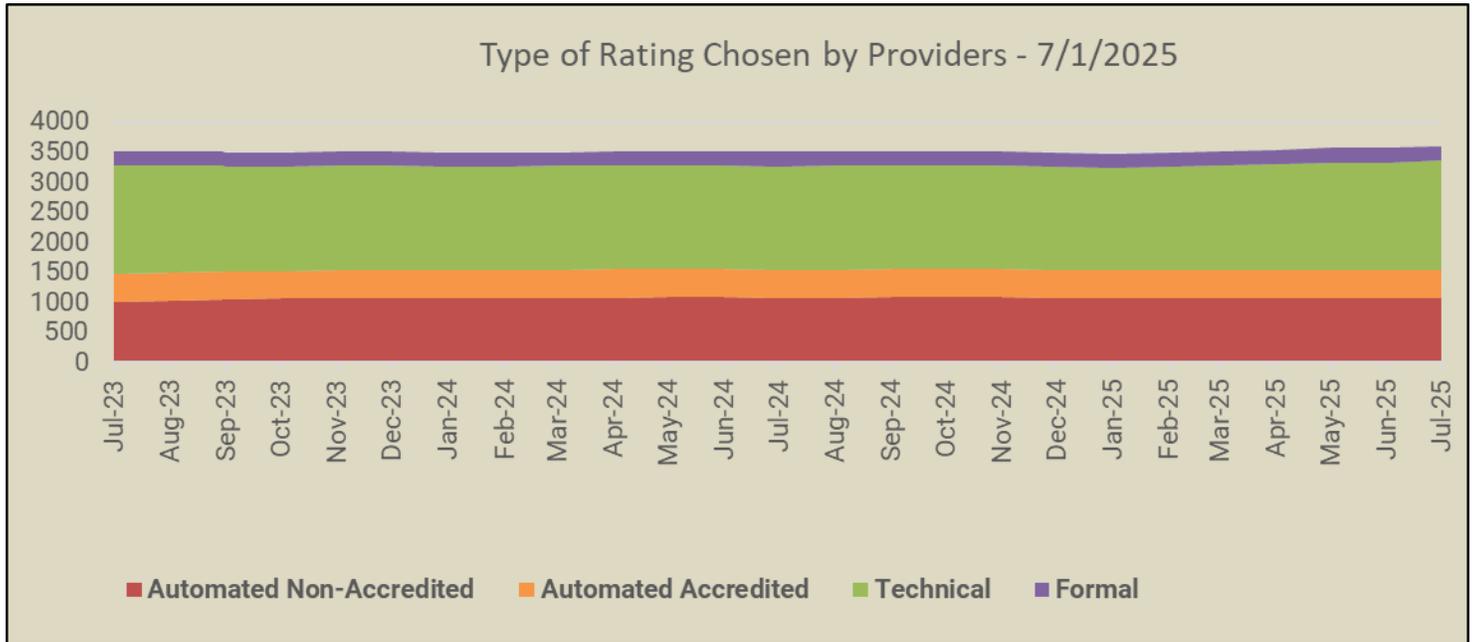
★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

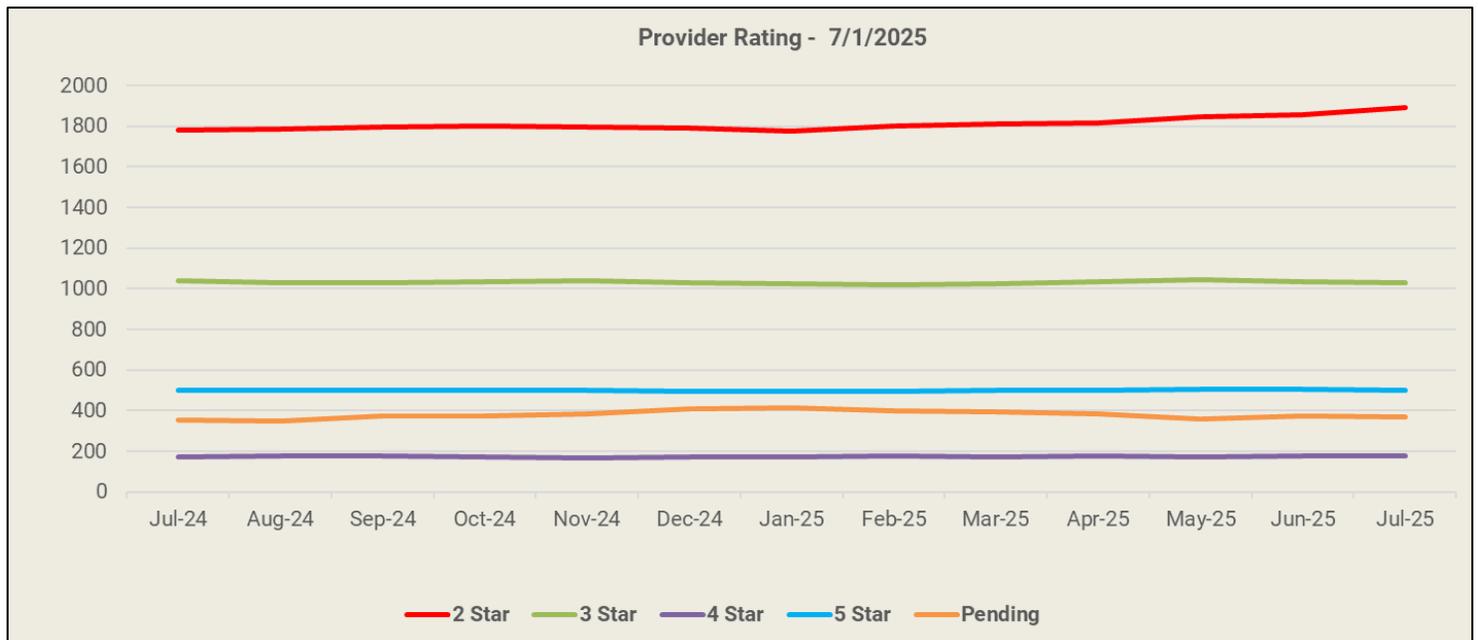


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The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



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



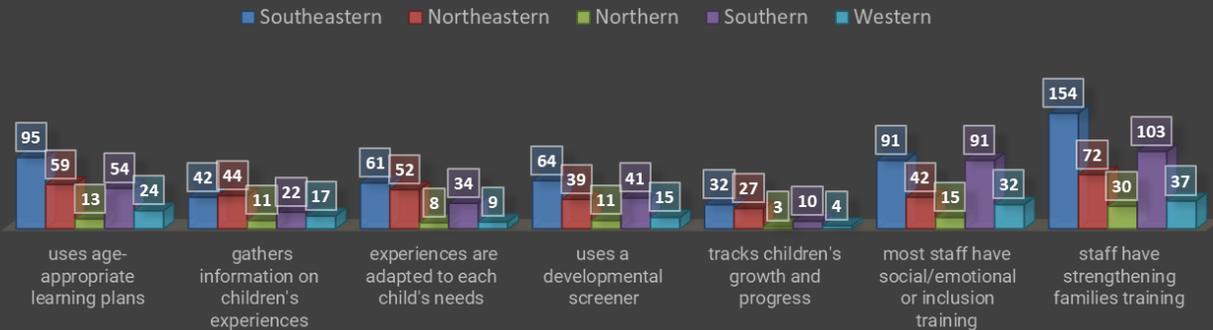
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★ **High-Quality Practices:**

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	95	42	61	64	32	91	154
Northeastern	59	44	52	39	27	42	72
Northern	13	11	8	11	3	15	30
Southern	54	22	34	41	10	91	103
Western	24	17	9	15	4	32	37
Total	245	136	164	170	76	271	396

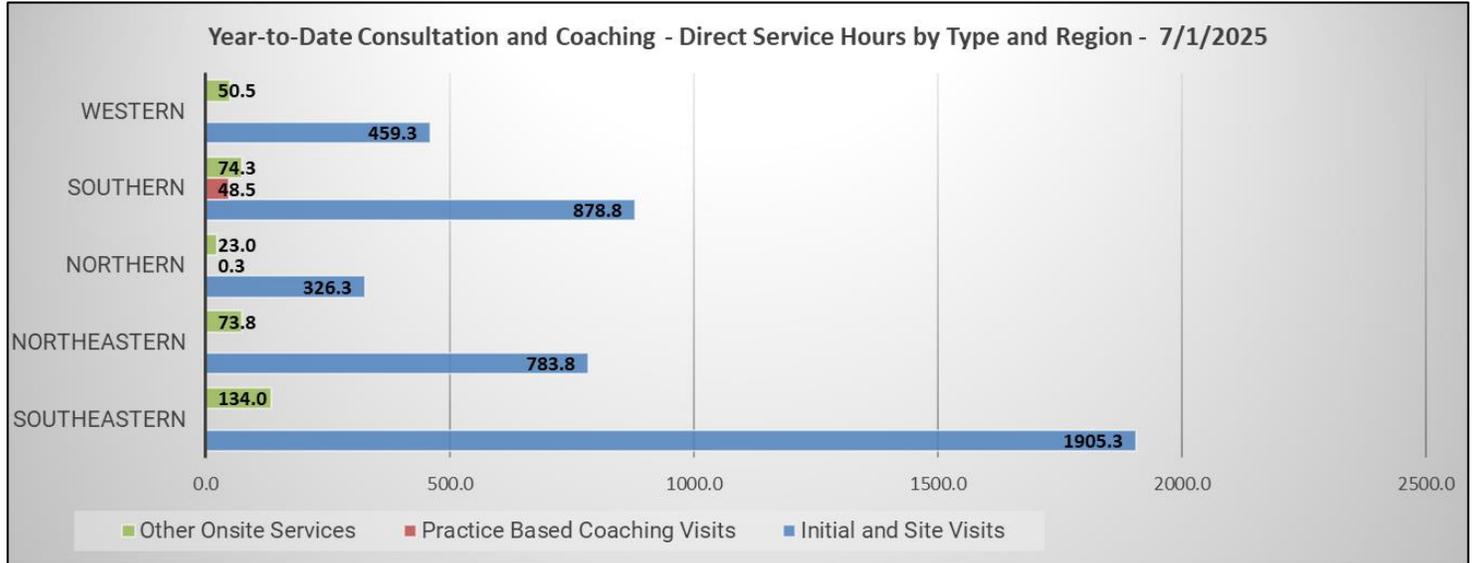
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 7/1/2025



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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.



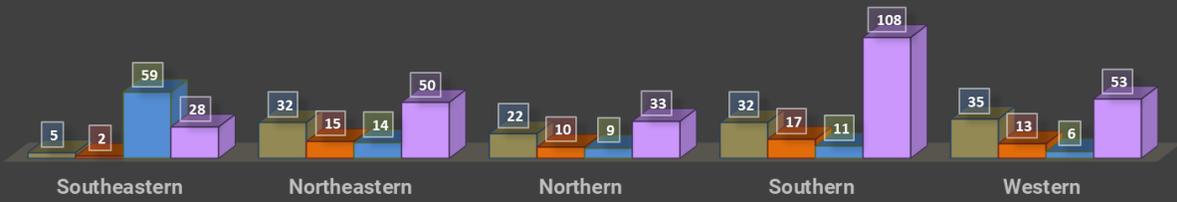
★ **YoungStar Data on Partnerships:**

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	2	59	28	2,012
Northeastern	32	15	14	50	569
Northern	22	10	9	33	226
Southern	32	17	11	108	715
Western	35	13	6	53	452
Statewide	126	57	99	272	3,974

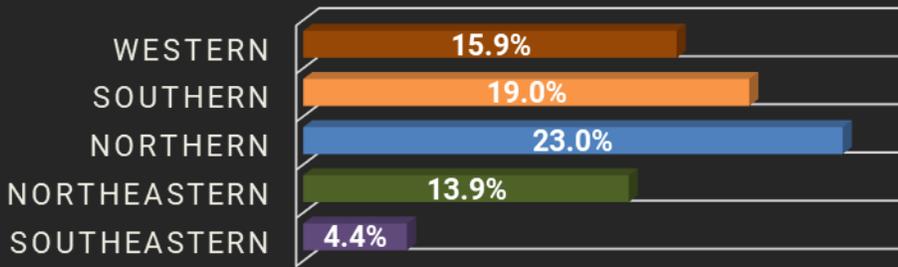
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 7/1/2025

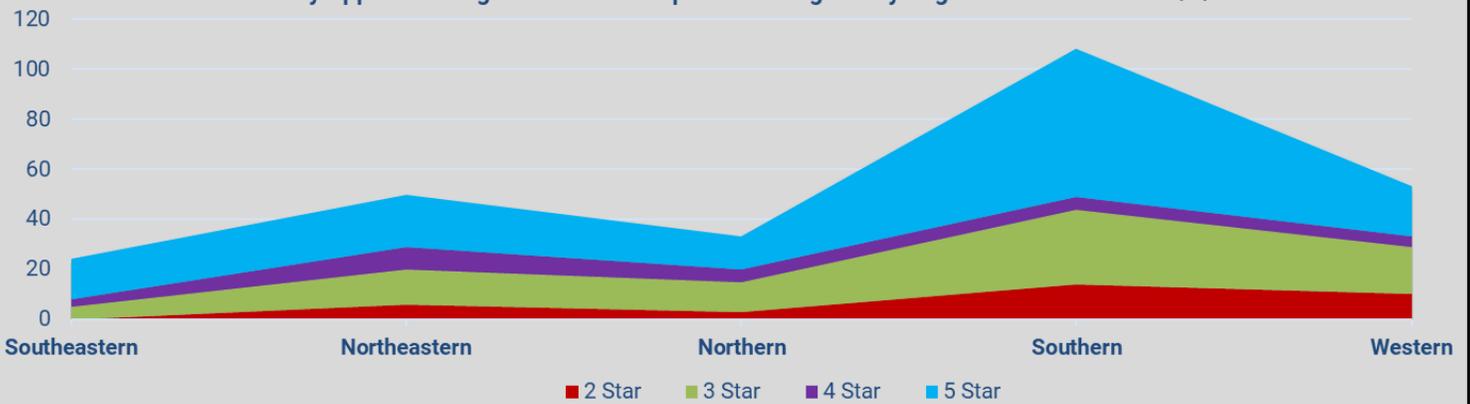
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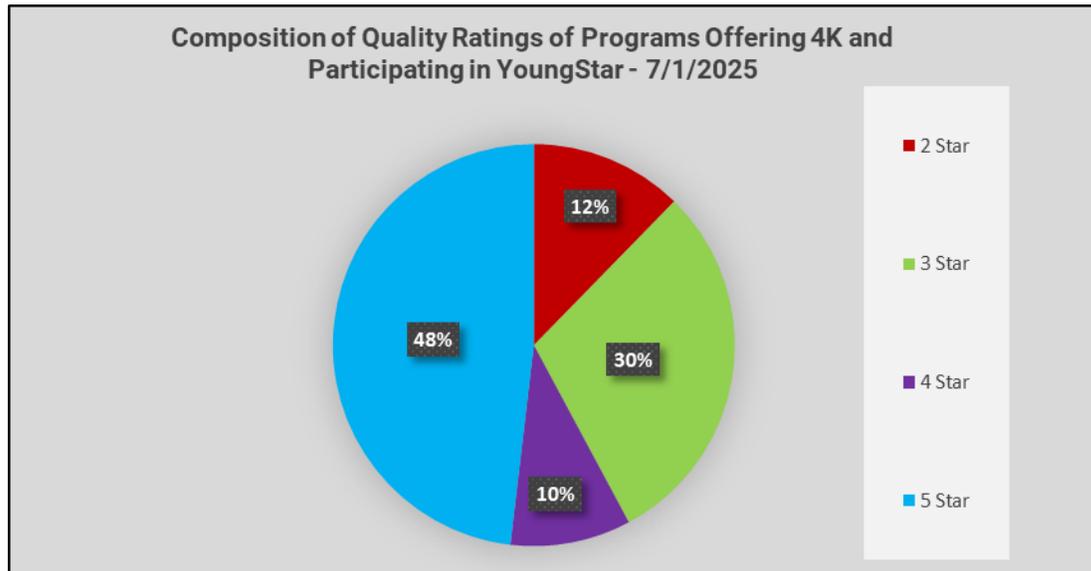
PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 7/1/2025



4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 7/1/2025



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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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