

Narrative of Monthly Report May 2025

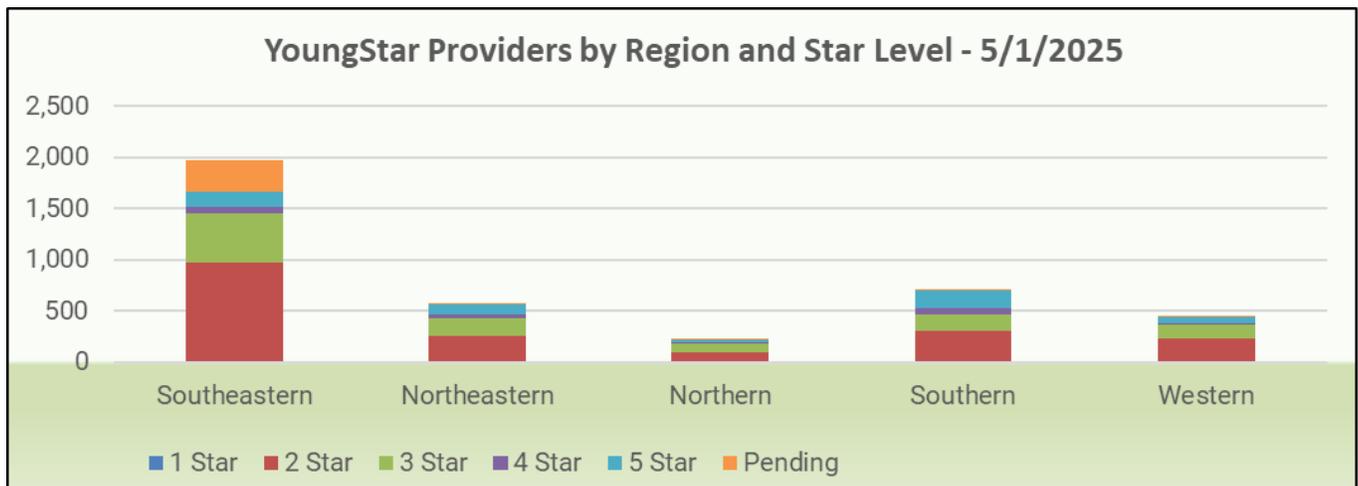
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

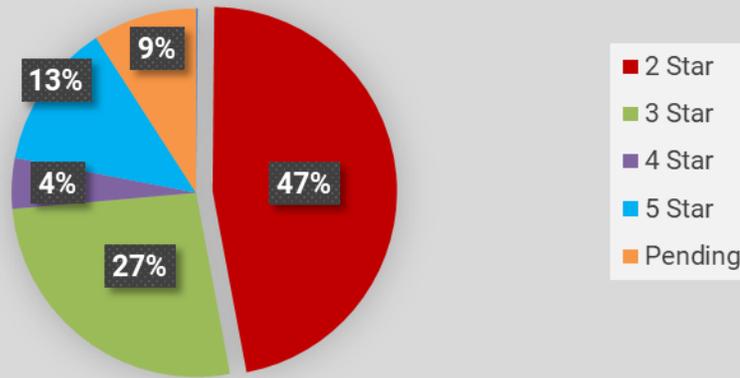
We currently have 3,939 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 17 programs as compared to last month. The chart and graph below show the rating composition by region for the current month.

	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	TOTAL
Southeastern	5	962	487	57	151	307	1,969
Northeastern	0	257	175	33	94	16	575
Northern	0	97	84	10	29	7	227
Southern	0	301	165	59	169	17	711
Western	1	230	135	16	63	12	457
Total	6	1,847	1,046	175	506	359	3,939



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Composition of Quality Ratings for all Rated YoungStar Programs - 5/1/2025

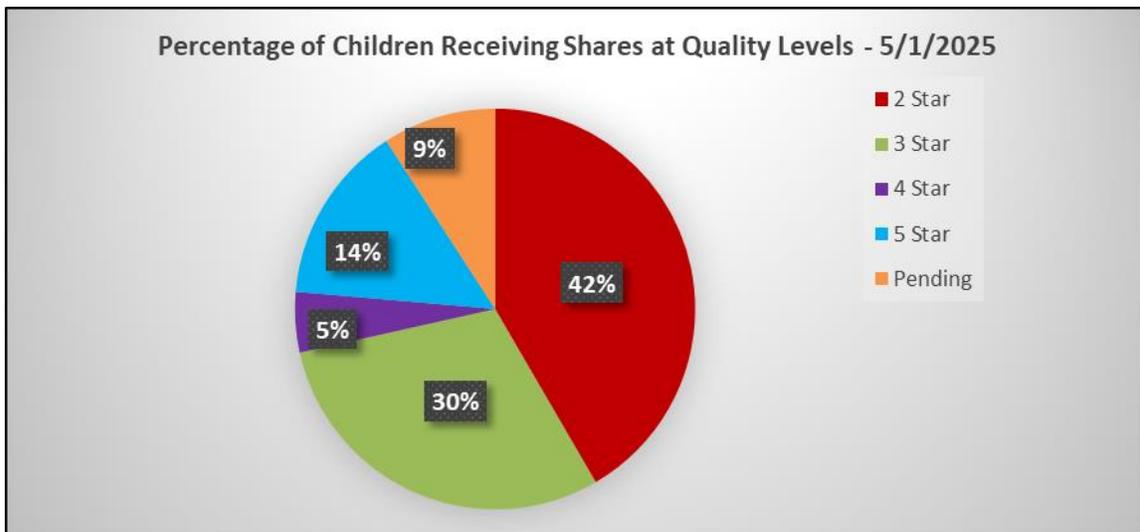
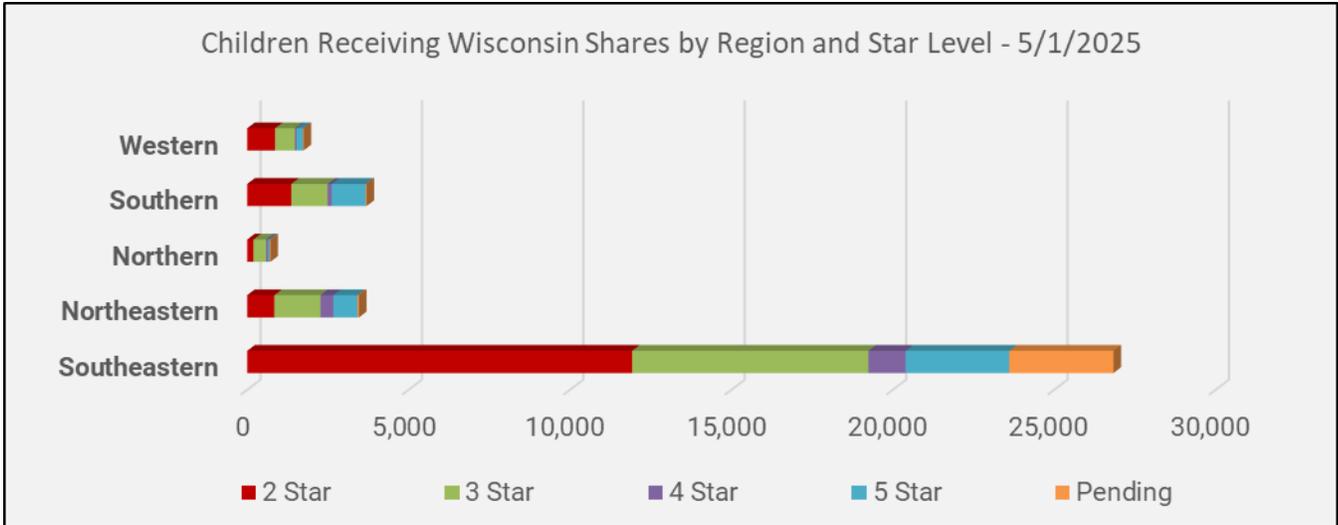


★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,580. There were an additional 359 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,891 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.

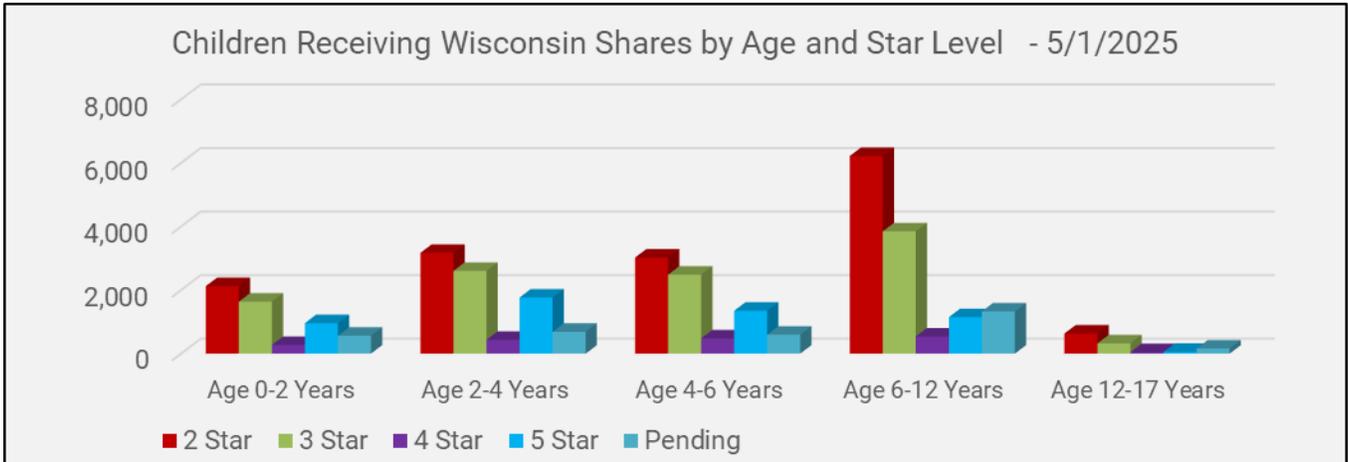
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	11,921	7,322	1,152	3,211	3,228	26,834
Northeastern	836	1,431	399	748	45	3,459
Northern	190	392	61	56	18	717
Southern	1,361	1,130	120	1,061	24	3,696
Western	858	621	45	201	18	1,743
Total	15,166	10,896	1,777	5,277	3,333	36,449

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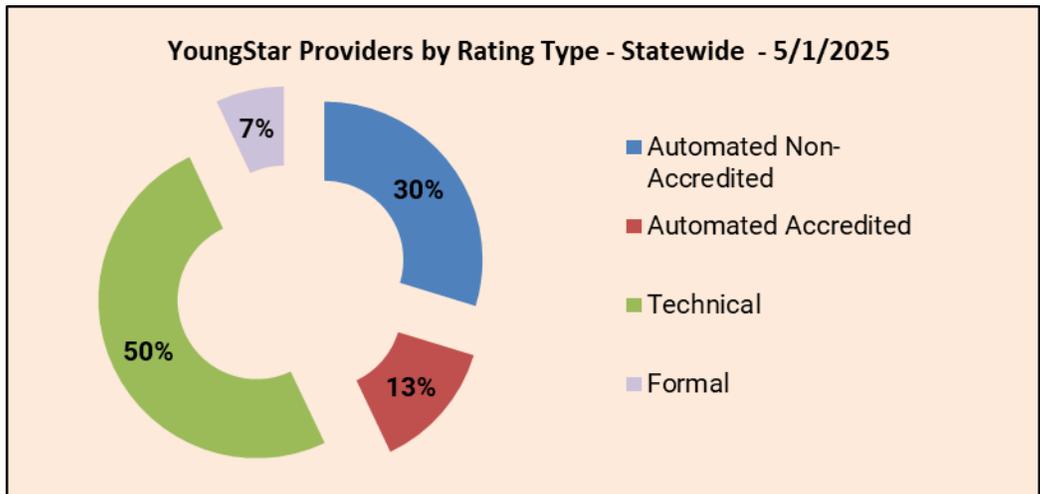
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,124	1,636	274	959	563	5,556
Age 2-4 Years	3,170	2,603	435	1,765	687	8,660
Age 4-6 Years	3,022	2,485	479	1,350	596	7,932
Age 6-12 Years	6,218	3,847	541	1,148	1,328	13,082
Age 12-17 Years	632	324	48	55	159	1,218
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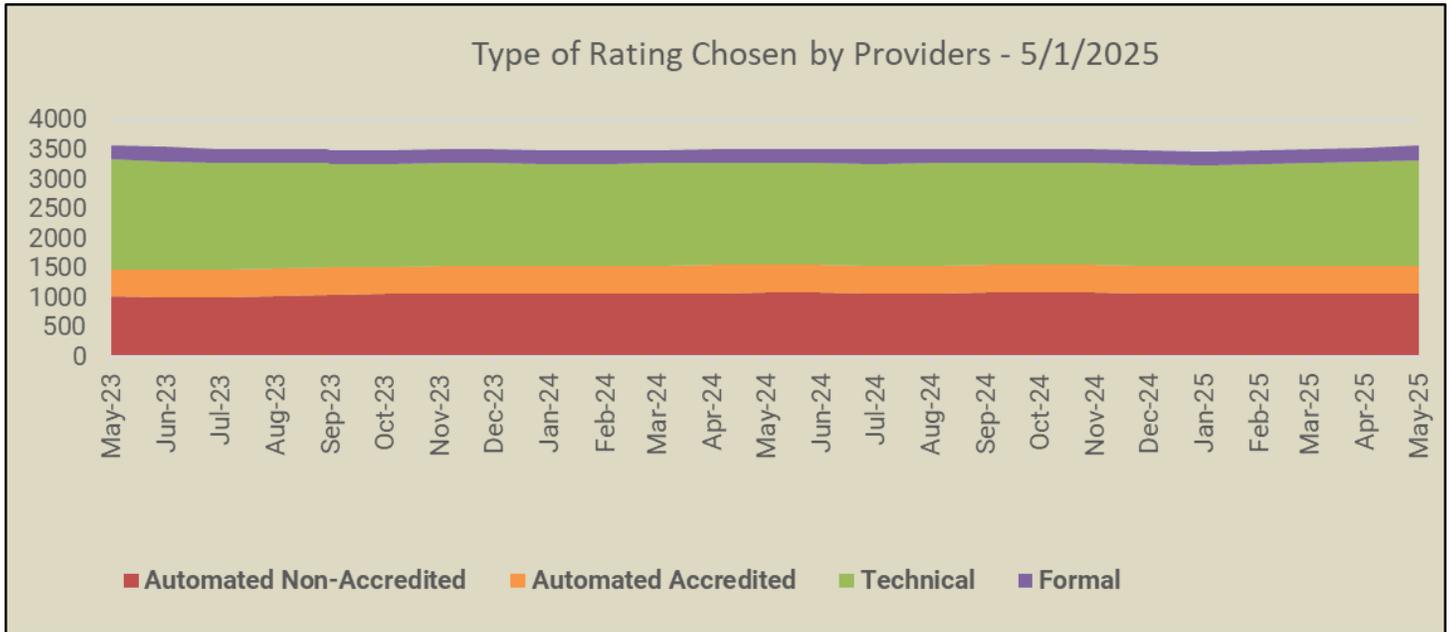


★ **Rating History and Composition:**

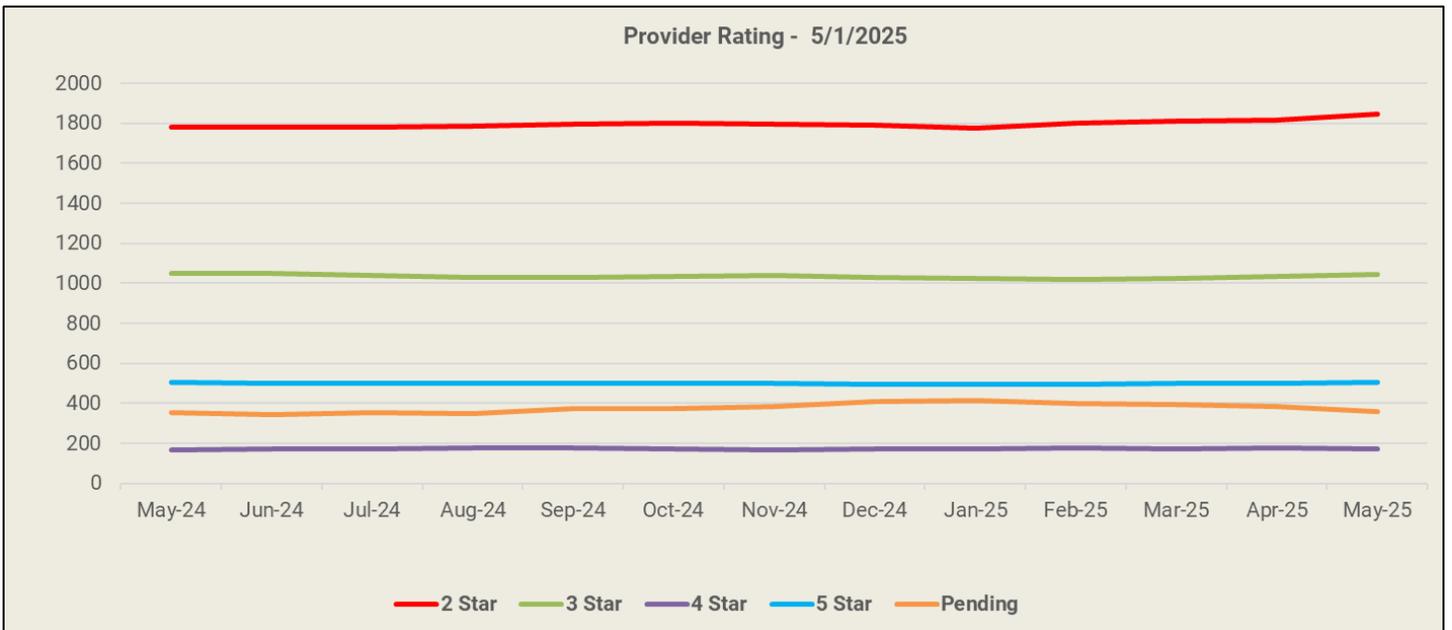
The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.



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



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

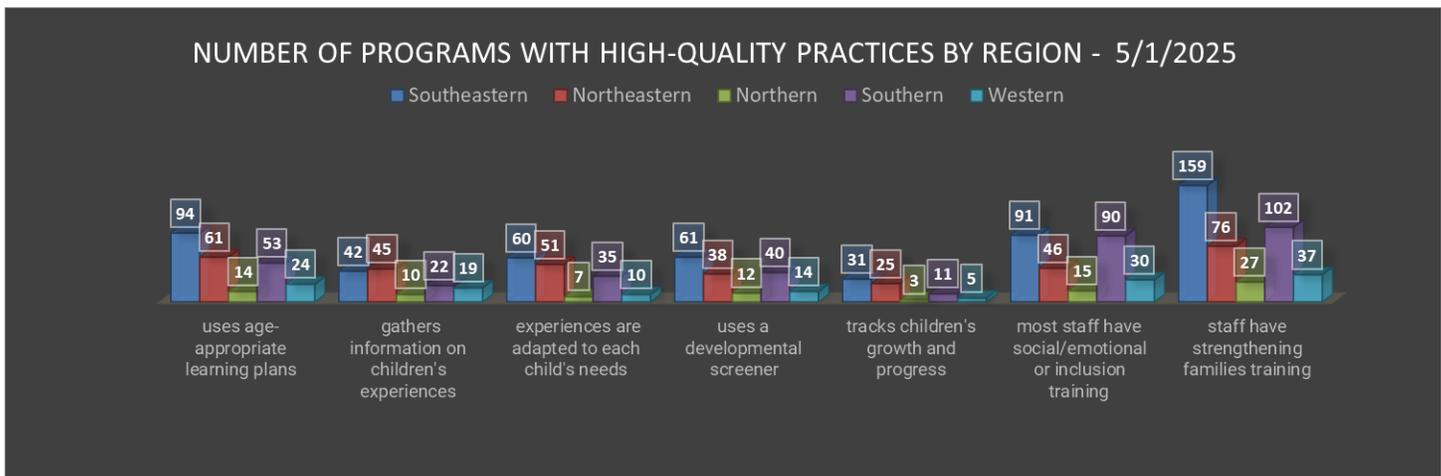


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★ **High-Quality Practices:**

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.

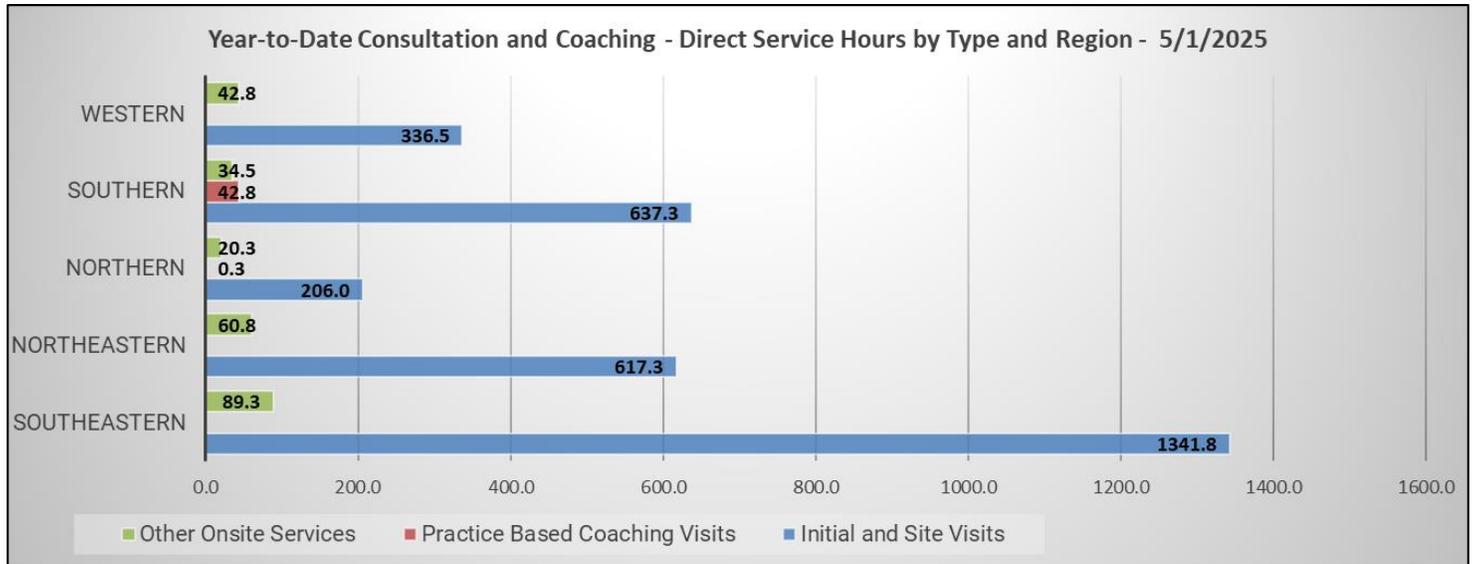
	uses age-appropriate learning plans	gathers information on children's experiences	experiences are adapted to each child's needs	uses a developmental screener	tracks children's growth and progress	most staff have social/emotional or inclusion training	staff have strengthening families training
Southeastern	94	42	60	61	31	91	159
Northeastern	61	45	51	38	25	46	76
Northern	14	10	7	12	3	15	27
Southern	53	22	35	40	11	90	102
Western	24	19	10	14	5	30	37
Total	246	138	163	165	75	272	401



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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	-	59	25	1,969
Northeastern	34	17	13	52	575
Northern	22	10	9	32	227
Southern	33	17	11	106	711
Western	36	13	6	54	457
Statewide	128	57	98	269	3,939

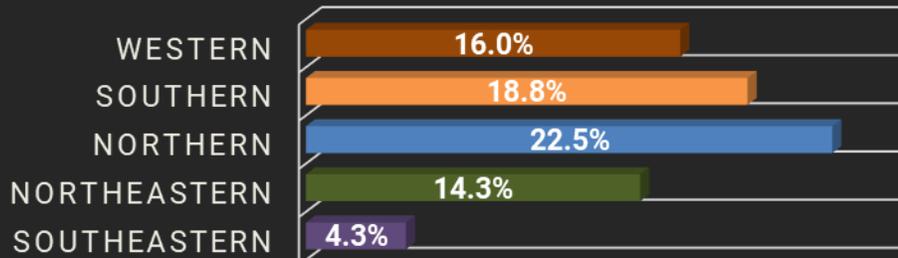
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 5/1/2025

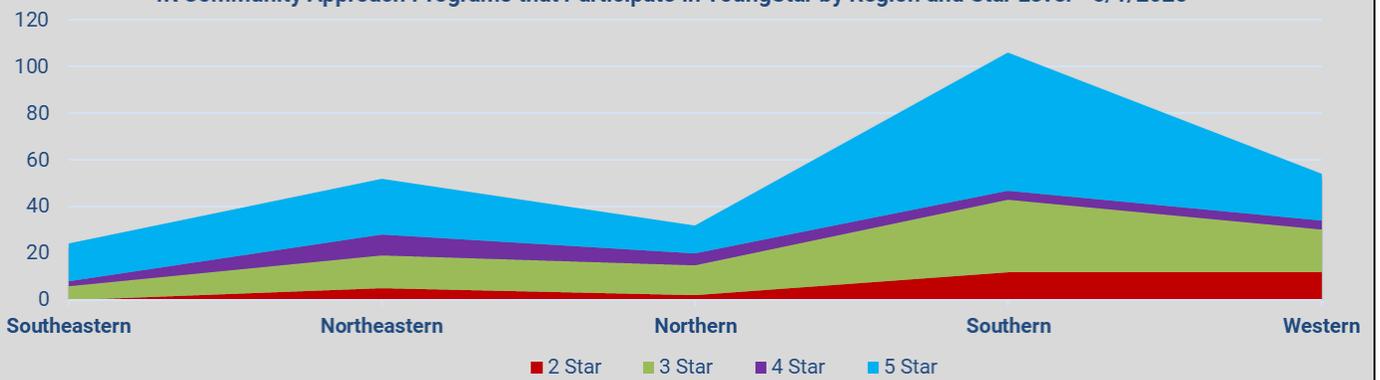
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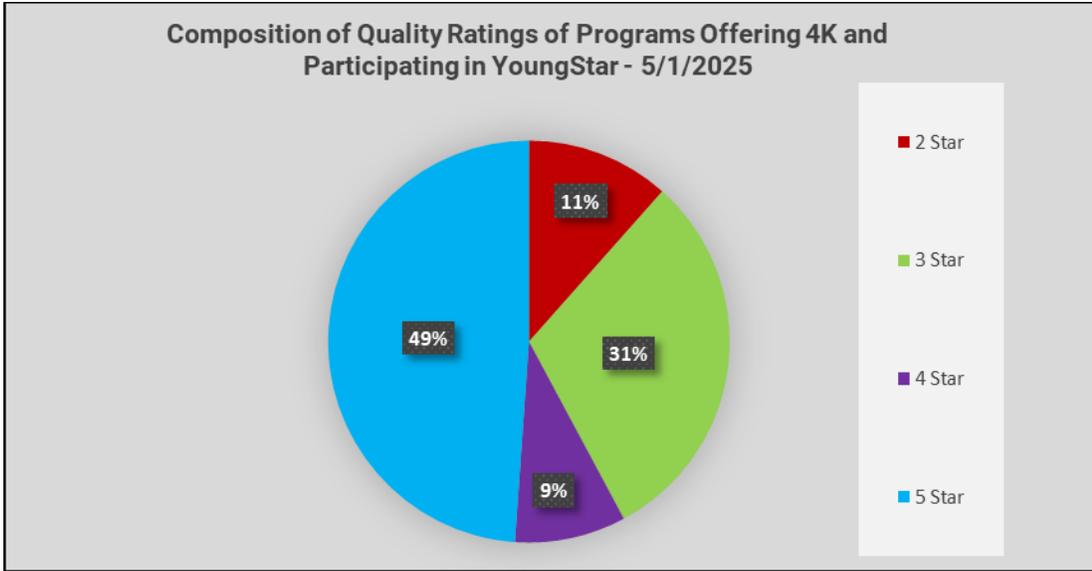
PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 5/1/2025



4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 5/1/2025



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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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