

## Narrative of Monthly Report October 2025

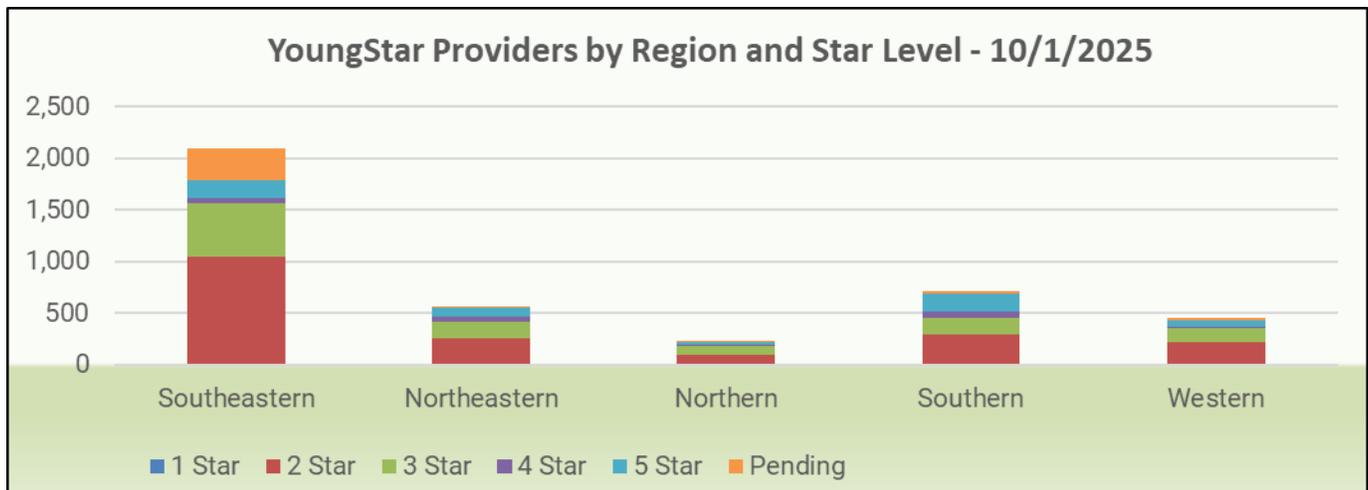
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

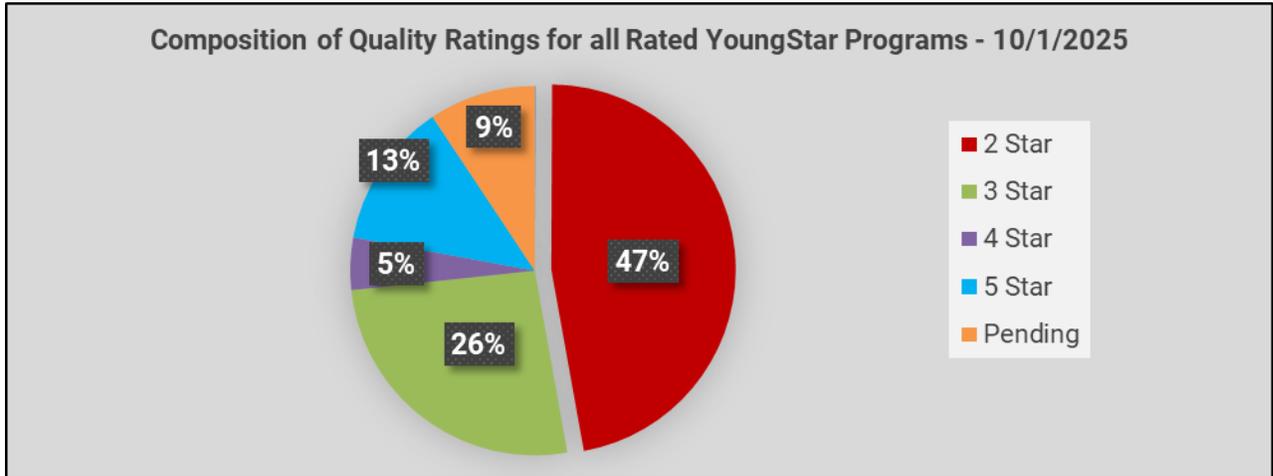
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 4,043 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
<b>Southeastern</b>	3	1,039	517	59	163	308	2,089
<b>Northeastern</b>	0	255	164	40	93	17	569
<b>Northern</b>	0	96	82	11	31	6	226
<b>Southern</b>	0	293	165	58	168	23	707
<b>Western</b>	0	221	129	17	61	24	452
<b>Total</b>	3	1,904	1,057	185	516	378	4,043



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★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

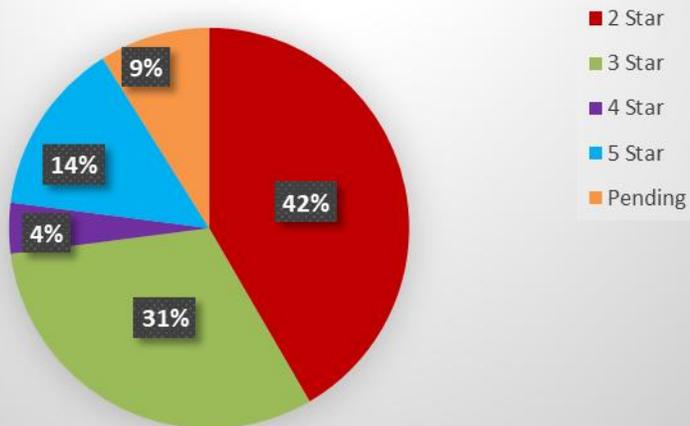
The total number of programs currently rated was 3,665. There were an additional 378 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,935 programs with open Wisconsin Shares authorizations when the data was run for this report. There were children receiving Wisconsin Shares as shown by region, age, and star level.

	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
<b>Southeastern</b>	12,654	8,246	930	3,254	3,072	28,156
<b>Northeastern</b>	837	1,300	375	707	67	3,286
<b>Northern</b>	171	381	75	54	6	687
<b>Southern</b>	1,160	1,147	110	1,045	129	3,591
<b>Western</b>	739	643	38	186	61	1,667
<b>Total</b>	15,561	11,717	1,528	5,246	3,335	37,387

Children Receiving Wisconsin Shares by Region and Star Level - 10/1/2025

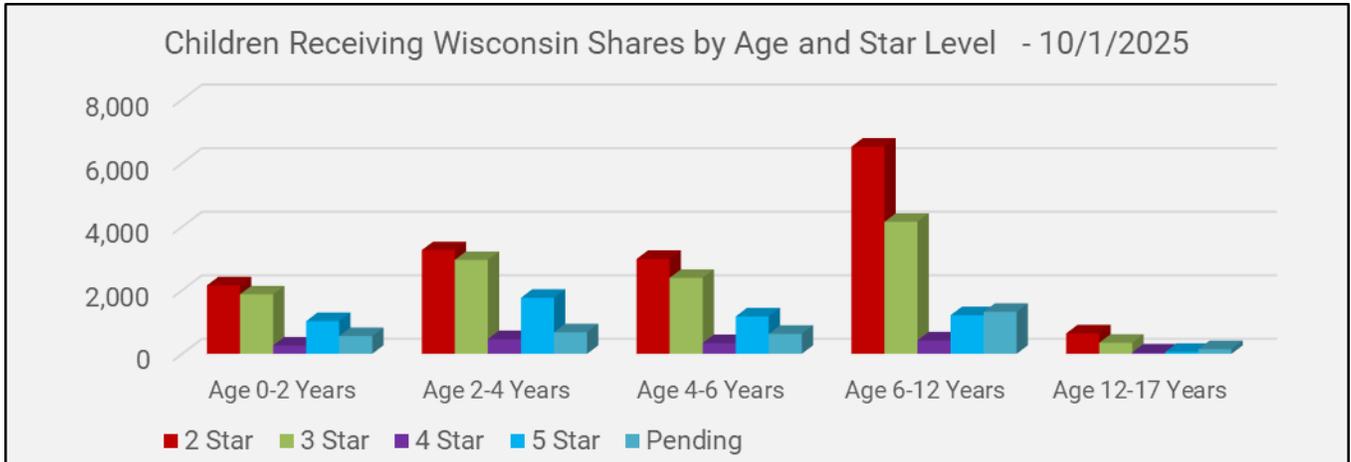


Percentage of Children Receiving Shares at Quality Levels - 10/1/2025



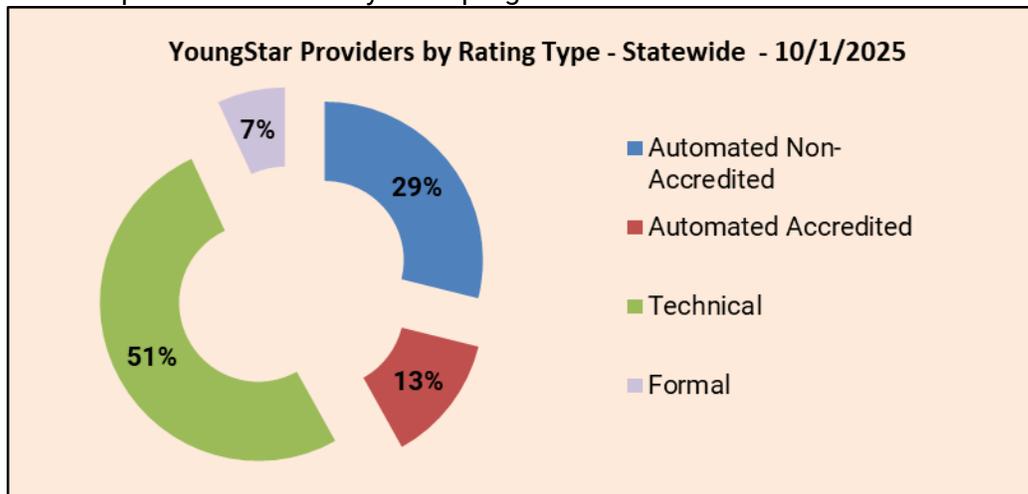
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	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
<b>Age 0-2 Years</b>	2,153	1,870	262	1,028	559	5,872
<b>Age 2-4 Years</b>	3,260	2,954	463	1,763	680	9,120
<b>Age 4-6 Years</b>	2,986	2,391	338	1,176	629	7,520
<b>Age 6-12 Years</b>	6,517	4,153	422	1,215	1,319	13,626
<b>Age 12-17 Years</b>	645	349	43	64	148	1,249
<b>Total</b>	15,561	11,717	1,528	5,246	3,335	37,387



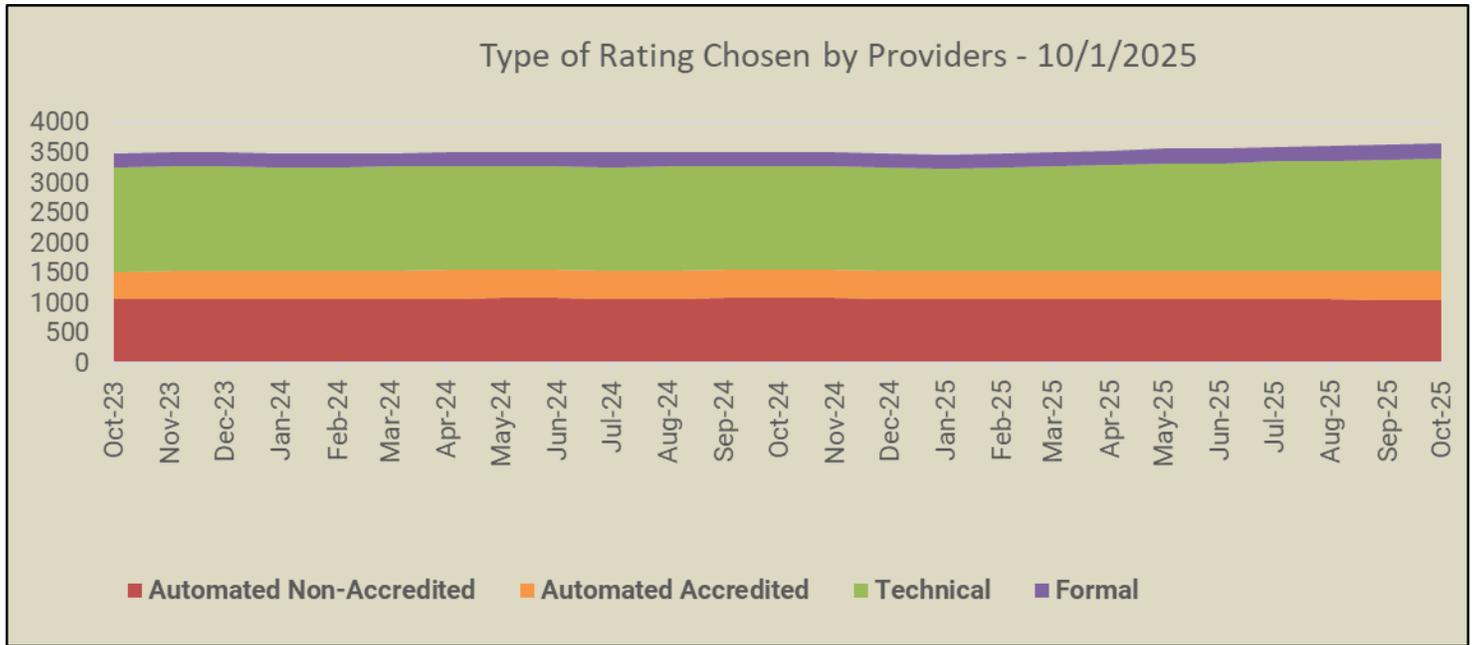
★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

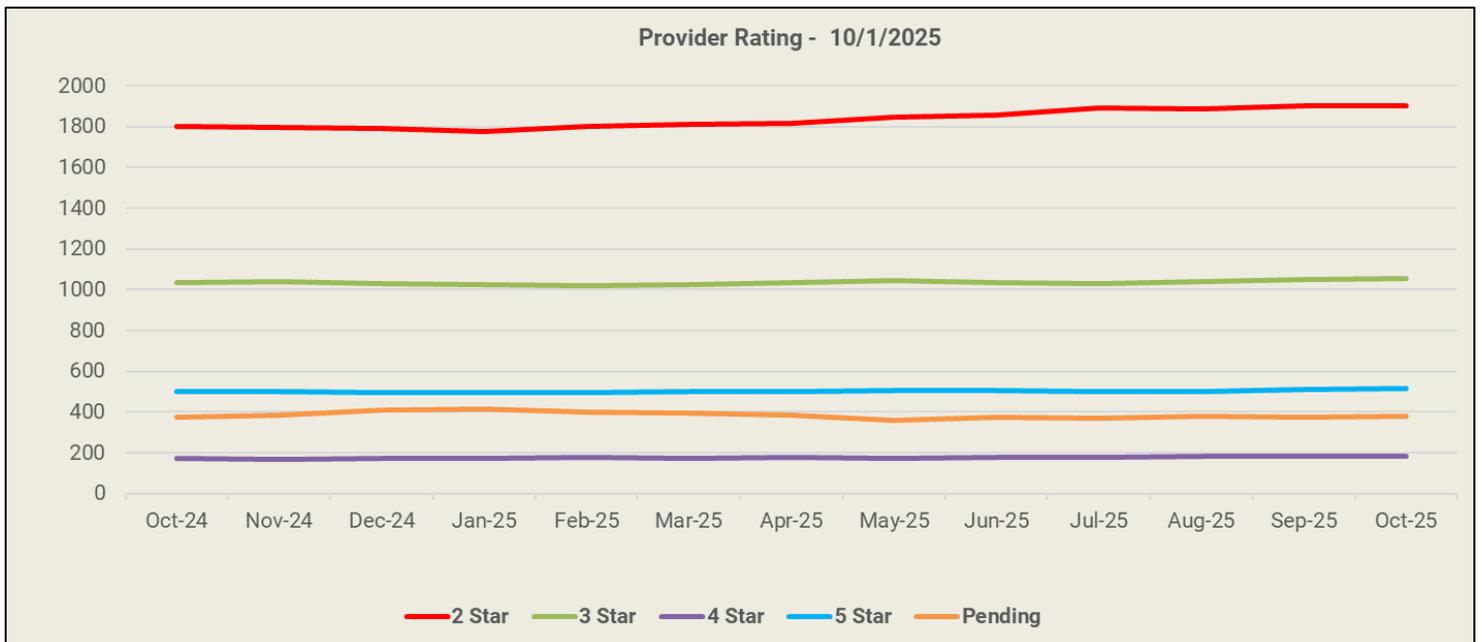


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The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



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

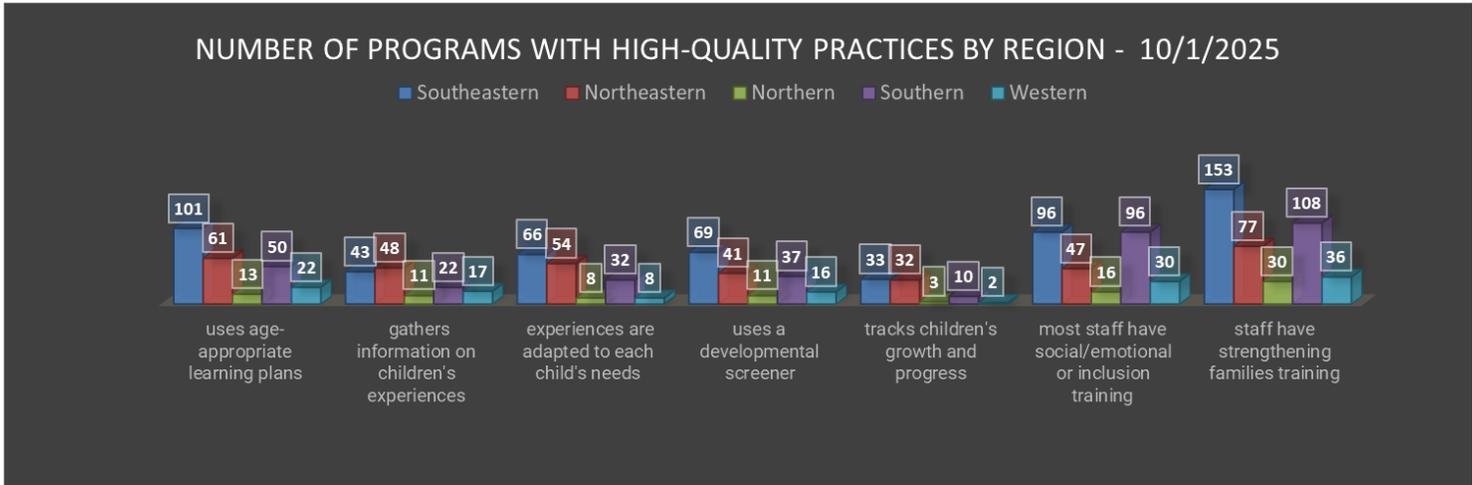


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★ **High-Quality Practices:**

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.

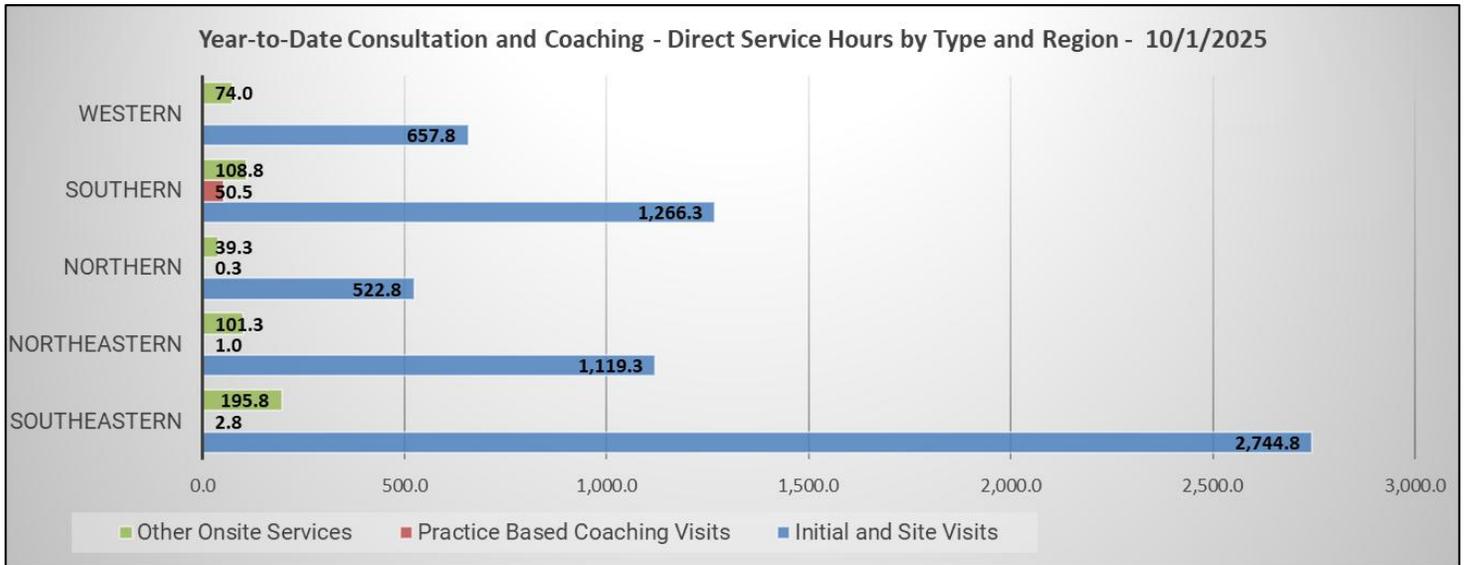
	uses age-appropriate learning plans	gathers information on children's experiences	experiences are adapted to each child's needs	uses a developmental screener	tracks children's growth and progress	most staff have social/emotional or inclusion training	staff have strengthening families training
Southeastern	101	43	66	69	33	96	153
Northeastern	61	48	54	41	32	47	77
Northern	13	11	8	11	3	16	30
Southern	50	22	32	37	10	96	108
Western	22	17	8	16	2	30	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>404</b>



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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.



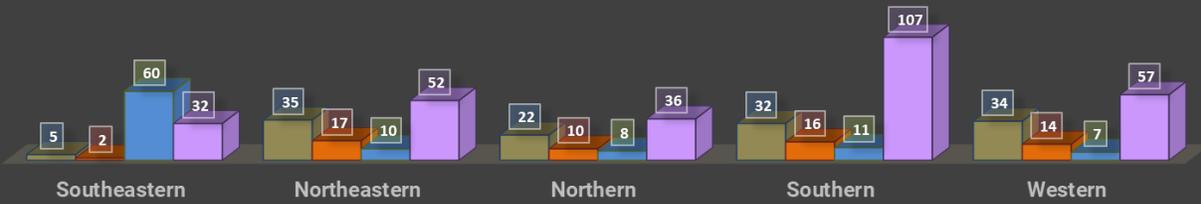
★ **YoungStar Data on Partnerships:**

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	2	60	32	2,089
Northeastern	35	17	10	52	569
Northern	22	10	8	36	226
Southern	32	16	11	107	707
Western	34	14	7	57	452
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>4,043</b>

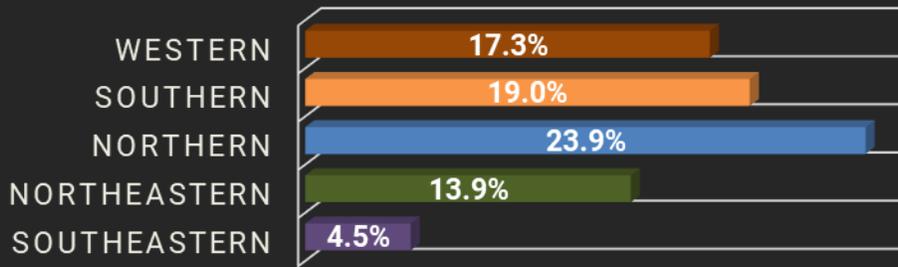
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 10/1/2025

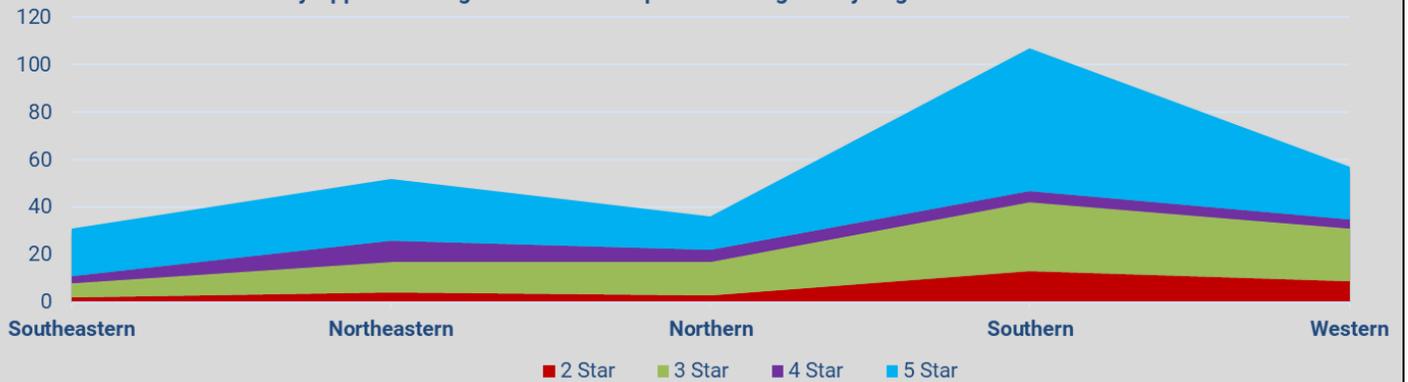
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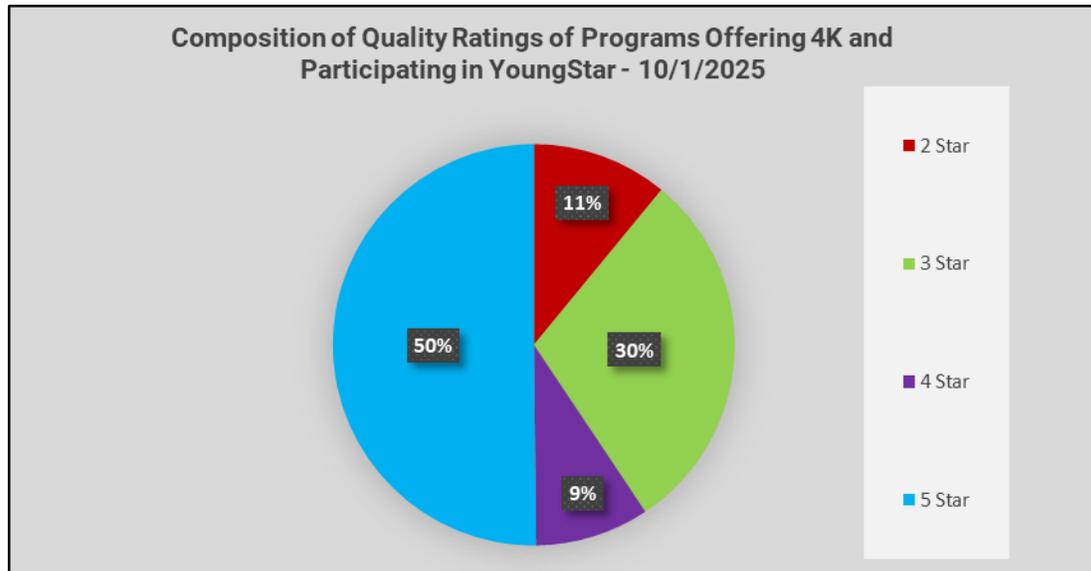
PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 10/1/2025



4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 10/1/2025



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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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