

Narrative of Monthly Report September 2025

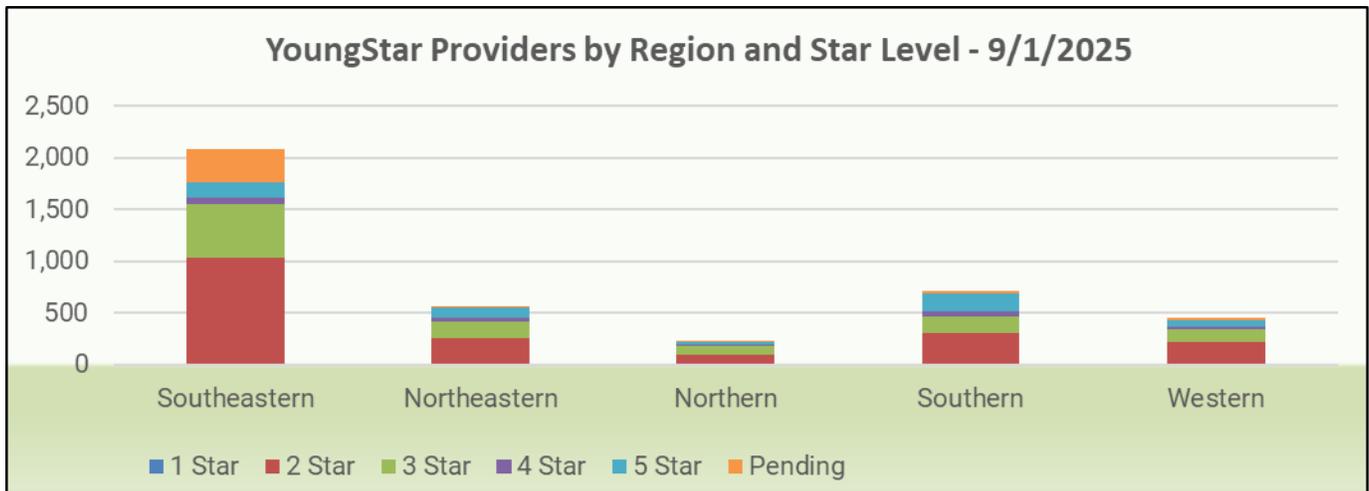
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

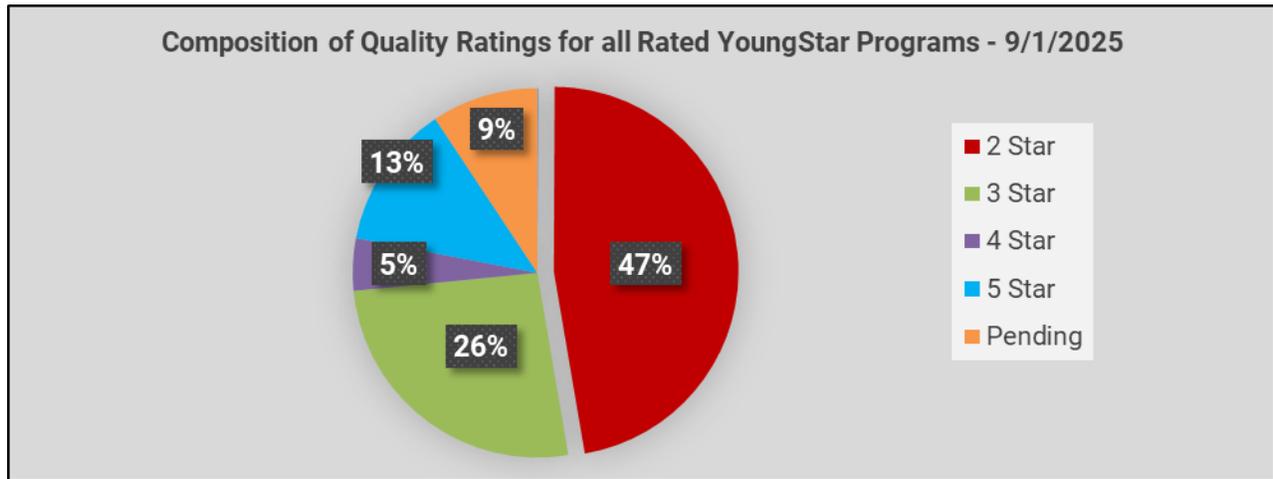
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 4,022 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 25 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	3	1,034	514	59	157	310	2,077
Northeastern	0	255	165	38	93	13	564
Northern	0	93	84	10	31	8	226
Southern	0	299	160	60	167	22	708
Western	0	219	128	17	61	22	447
Total	3	1,900	1,051	184	509	375	4,022



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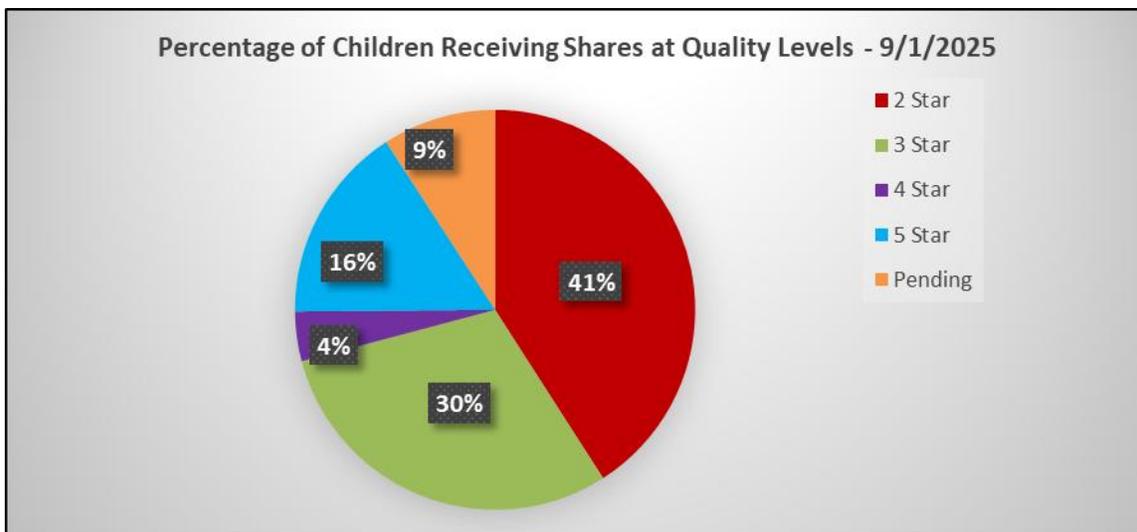
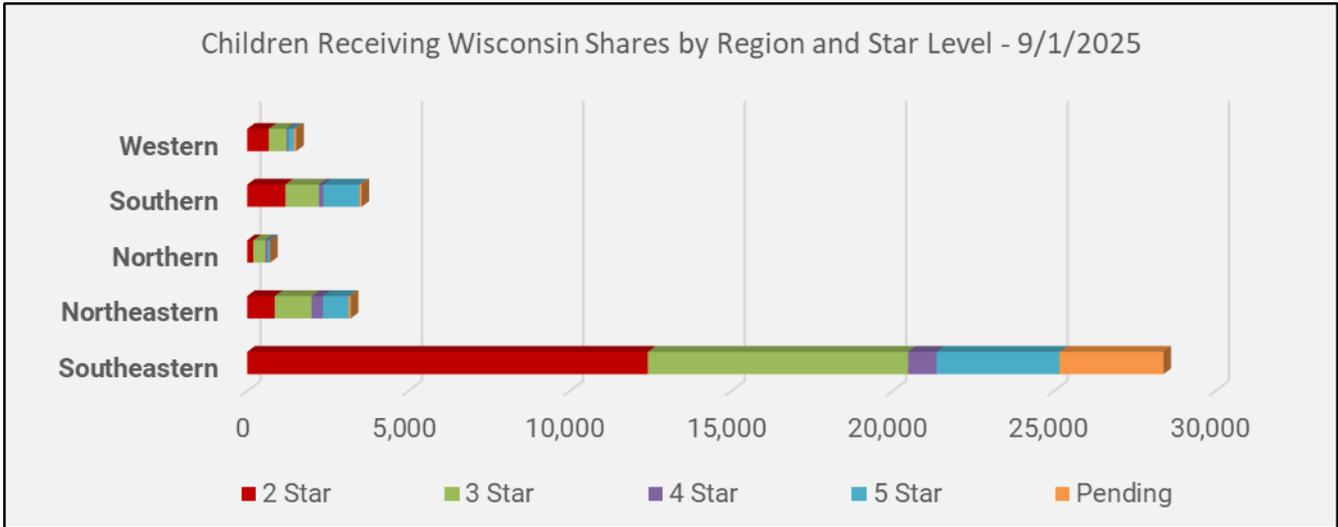


★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,647. There were an additional 375 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,947 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.

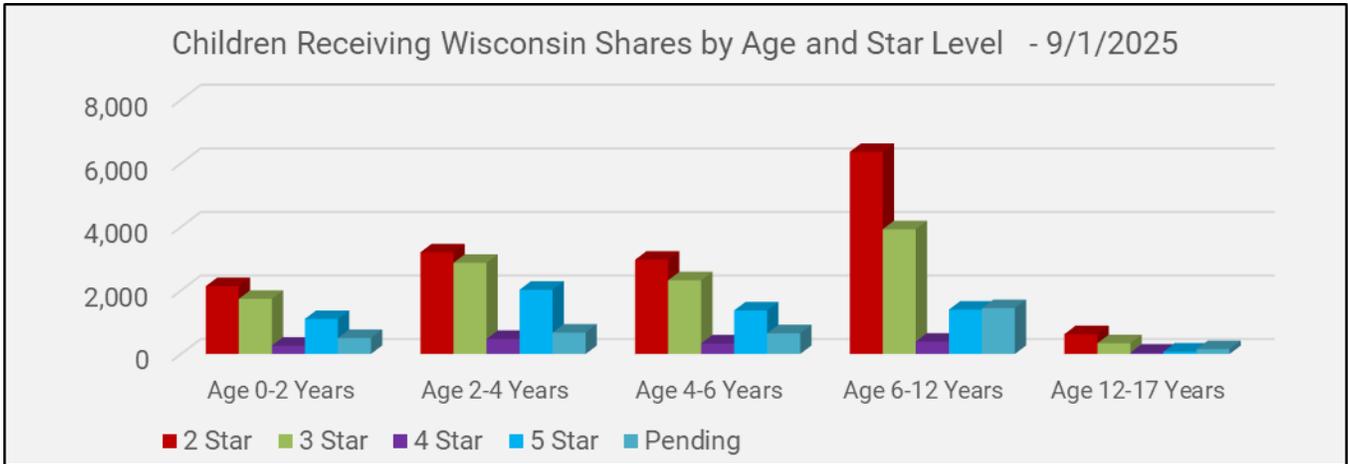
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	12,409	8,064	881	3,813	3,217	28,384
Northeastern	850	1,142	353	796	65	3,206
Northern	181	384	66	71	4	706
Southern	1,179	1,043	141	1,113	65	3,541
Western	666	553	55	173	71	1,518
Total	15,285	11,186	1,496	5,966	3,422	37,355

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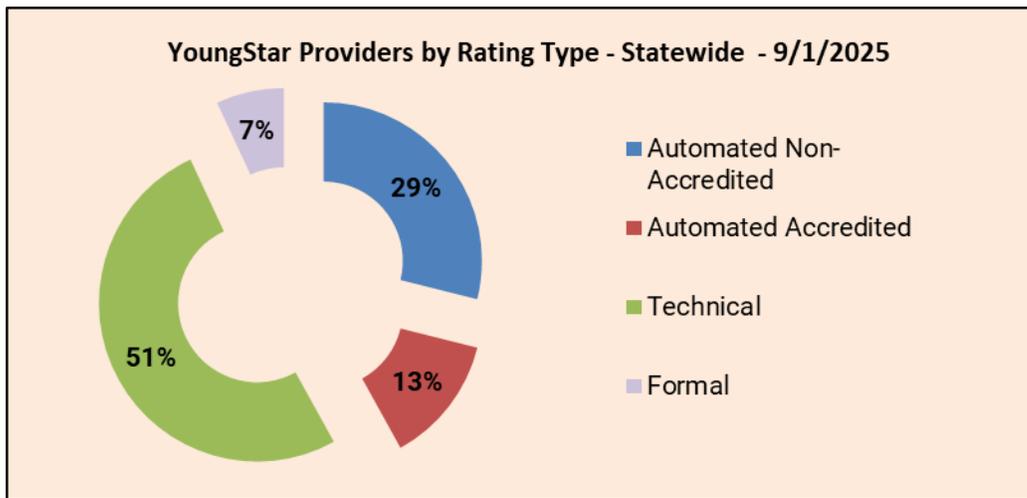
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,134	1,735	262	1,103	504	5,738
Age 2-4 Years	3,199	2,869	471	2,020	675	9,234
Age 4-6 Years	2,967	2,318	331	1,371	653	7,640
Age 6-12 Years	6,360	3,926	390	1,396	1,440	13,512
Age 12-17 Years	625	338	42	76	150	1,231
Total	15,285	11,186	1,496	5,966	3,422	37,355

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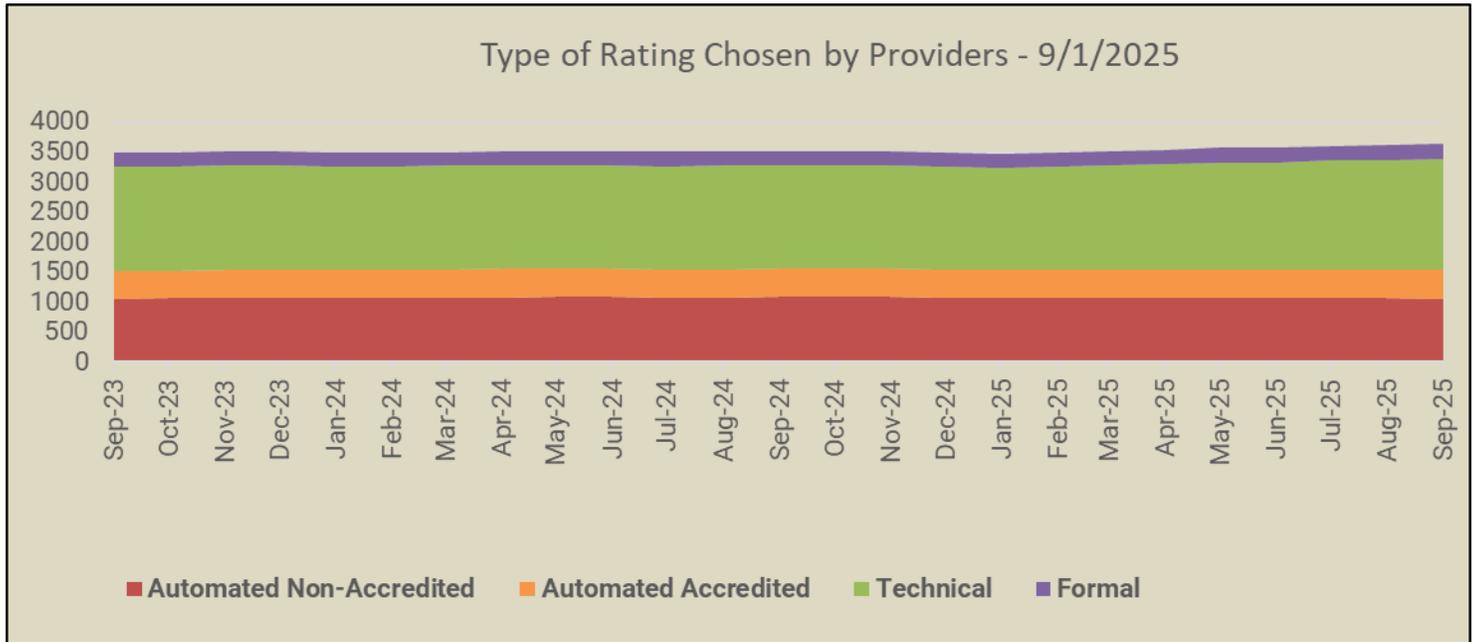


★ **Rating History and Composition:**

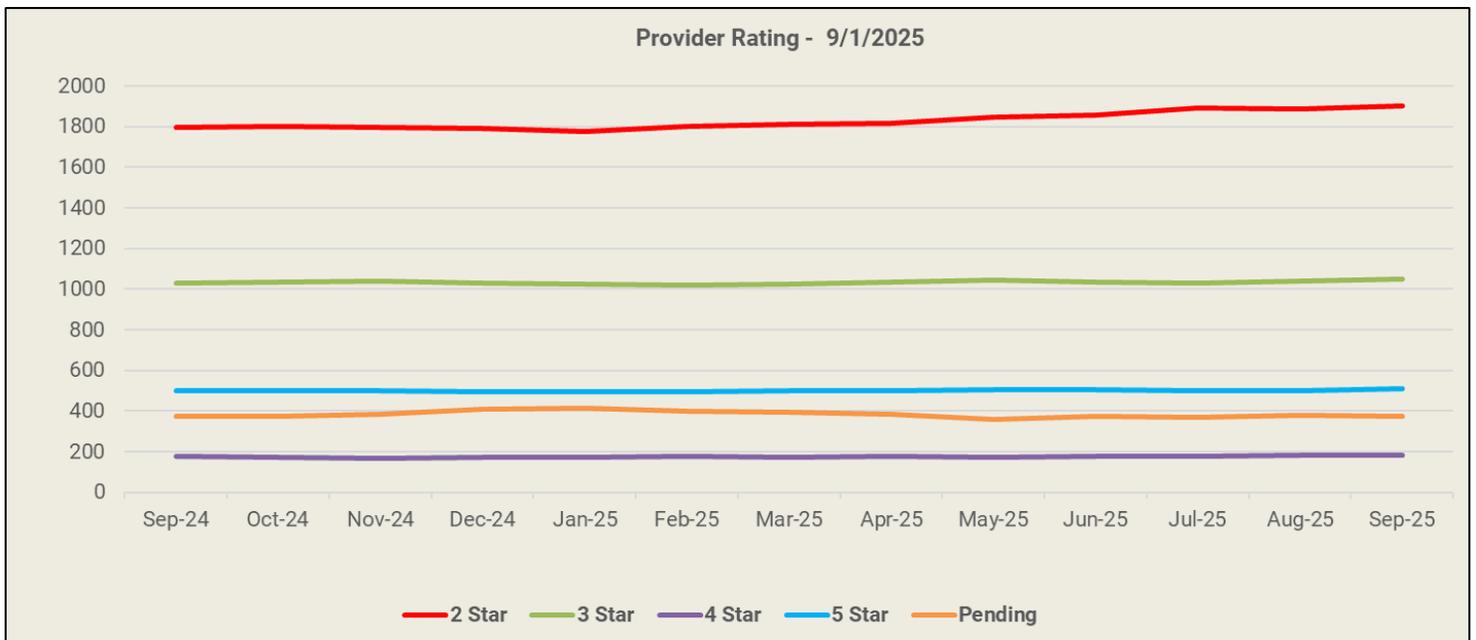
The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.



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.

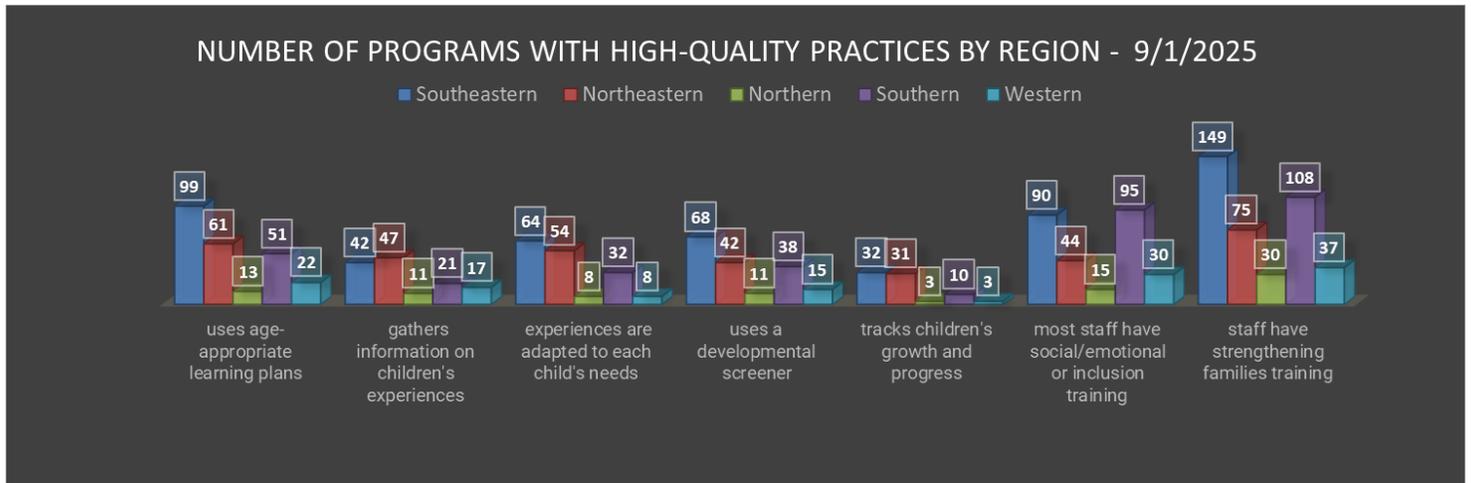


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★ **High-Quality Practices:**

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.

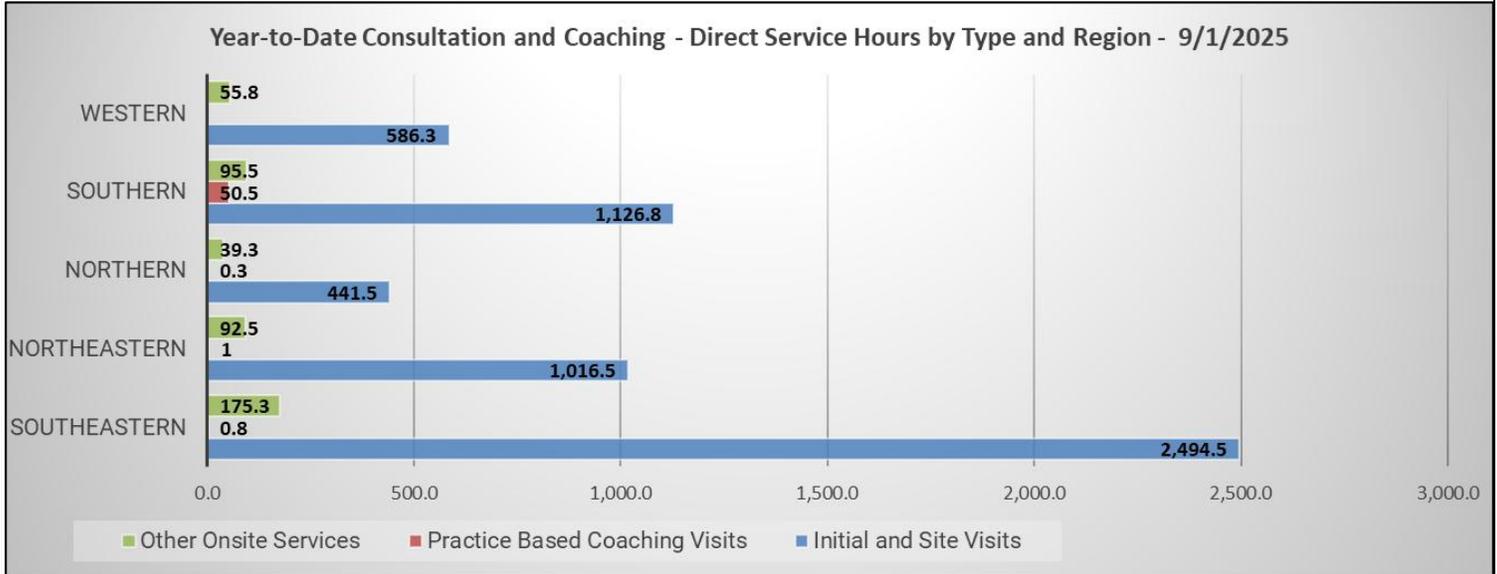
	uses age-appropriate learning plans	gathers information on children's experiences	experiences are adapted to each child's needs	uses a developmental screener	tracks children's growth and progress	most staff have social/emotional or inclusion training	staff have strengthening families training
Southeastern	99	42	64	68	32	90	149
Northeastern	61	47	54	42	31	44	75
Northern	13	11	8	11	3	15	30
Southern	51	21	32	38	10	95	108
Western	22	17	8	15	3	30	37
Total	246	138	166	174	79	274	399



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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.



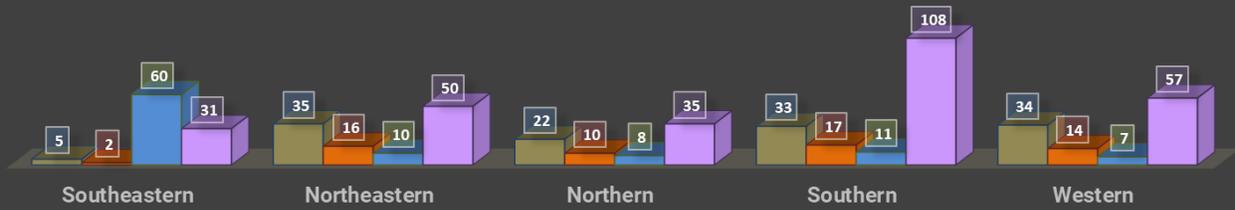
★ **YoungStar Data on Partnerships:**

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	2	60	31	2,077
Northeastern	35	16	10	50	564
Northern	22	10	8	35	226
Southern	33	17	11	108	708
Western	34	14	7	57	447
Statewide	129	59	96	281	4,022

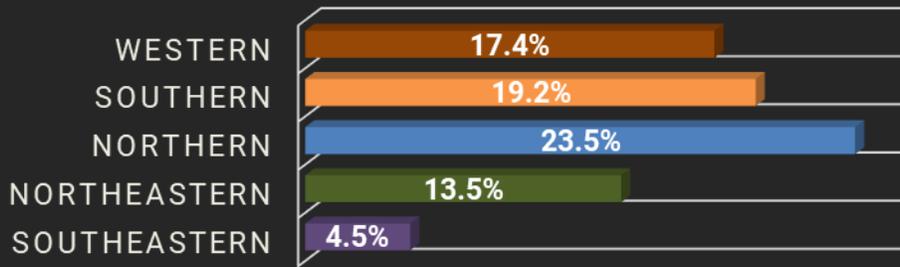
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 9/1/2025

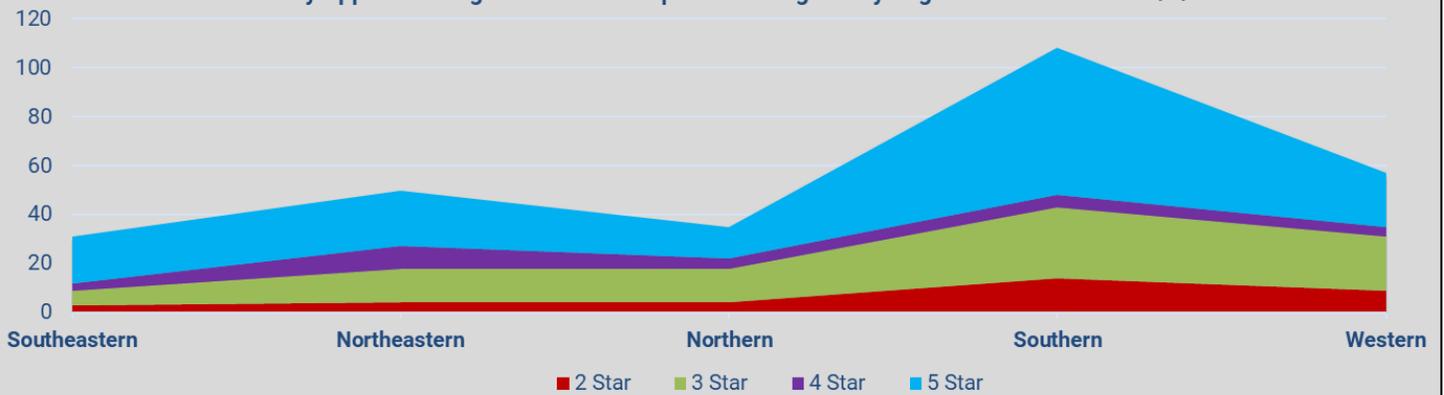
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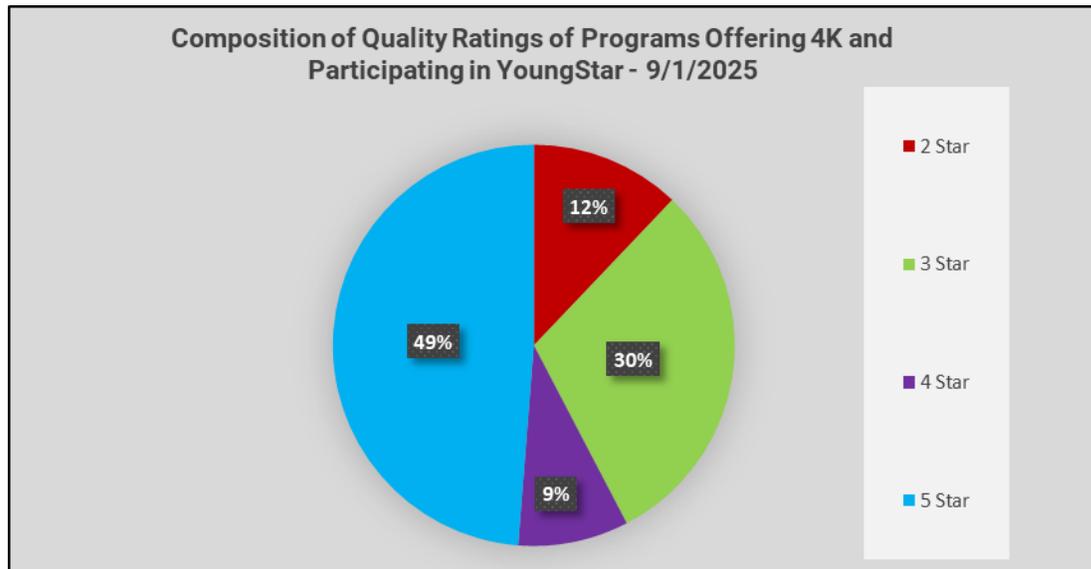
PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 9/1/2025



4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 9/1/2025



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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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