

Narrative of Monthly Report May 2026

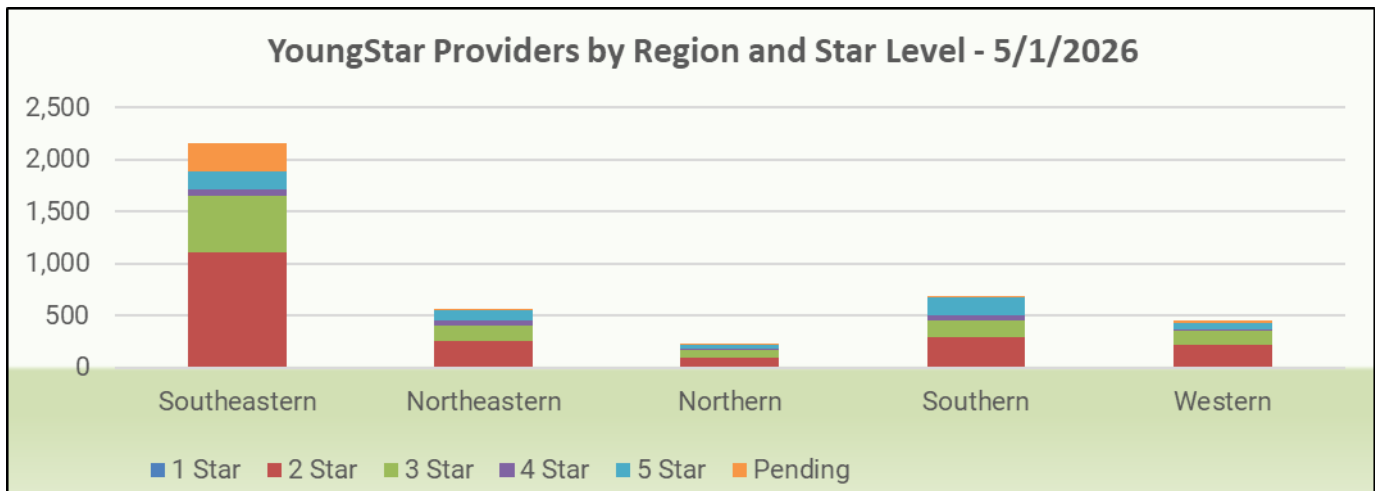
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected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

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

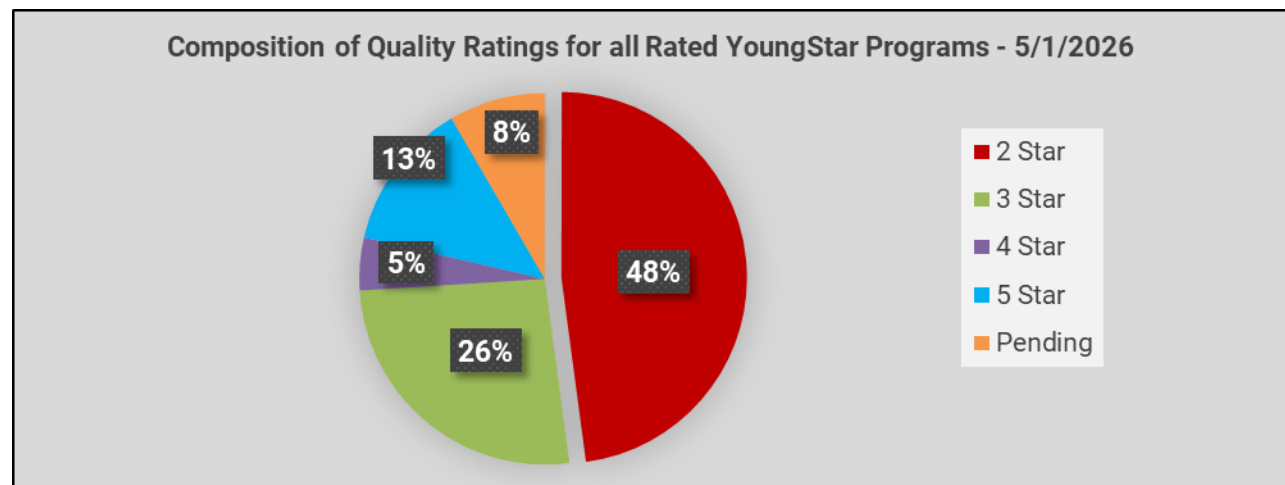
★ Participation and Rating Composition:

We currently have 4,091 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 3 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	1	1,109	539	62	173	273	2,157
Northeastern	0	250	159	43	95	22	569
Northern	0	91	81	12	32	8	224
Southern	0	289	158	56	172	17	692
Western	0	219	131	15	61	23	449
Total	1	1,958	1,068	188	533	343	4,091



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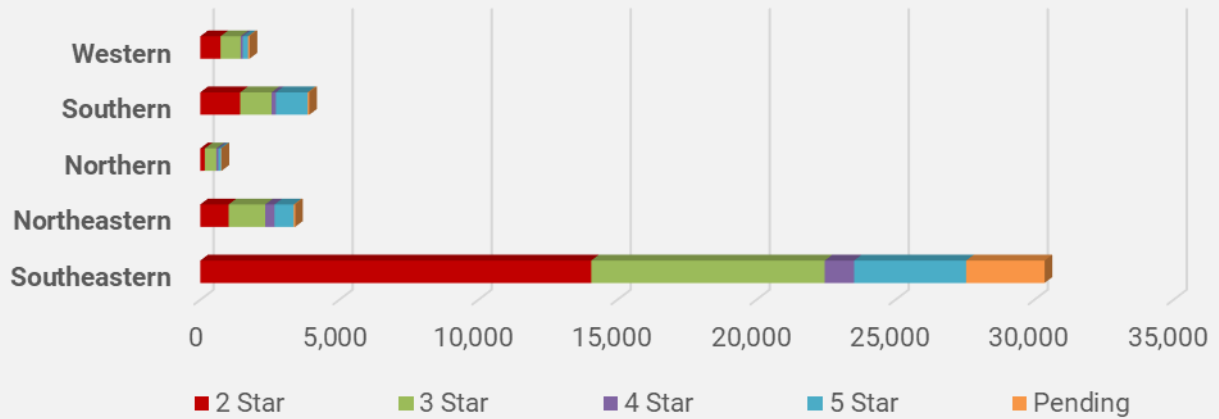
★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,748. There were an additional 343 programs with pending ratings. There were 3,060 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.

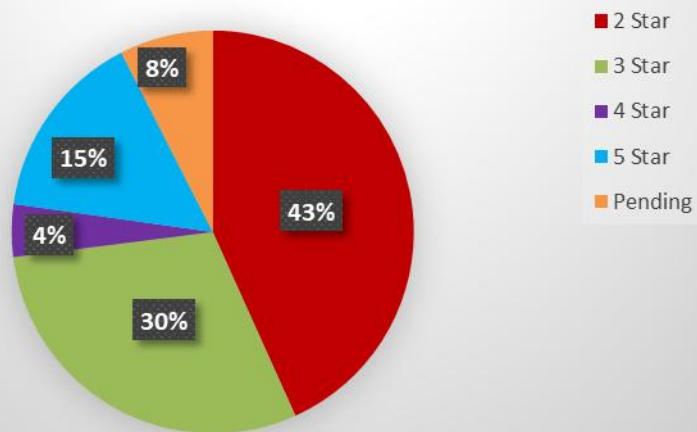
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	14,062	8,396	1,058	4,028	2,824	30,368
Northeastern	1,020	1,313	335	690	57	3,415
Northern	163	412	78	96	20	769
Southern	1,435	1,130	156	1,138	62	3,921
Western	728	725	75	189	59	1,776
Total	17,408	11,976	1,702	6,141	3,022	40,249

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Children Receiving Wisconsin Shares by Region and Star Level - 5/1/2026

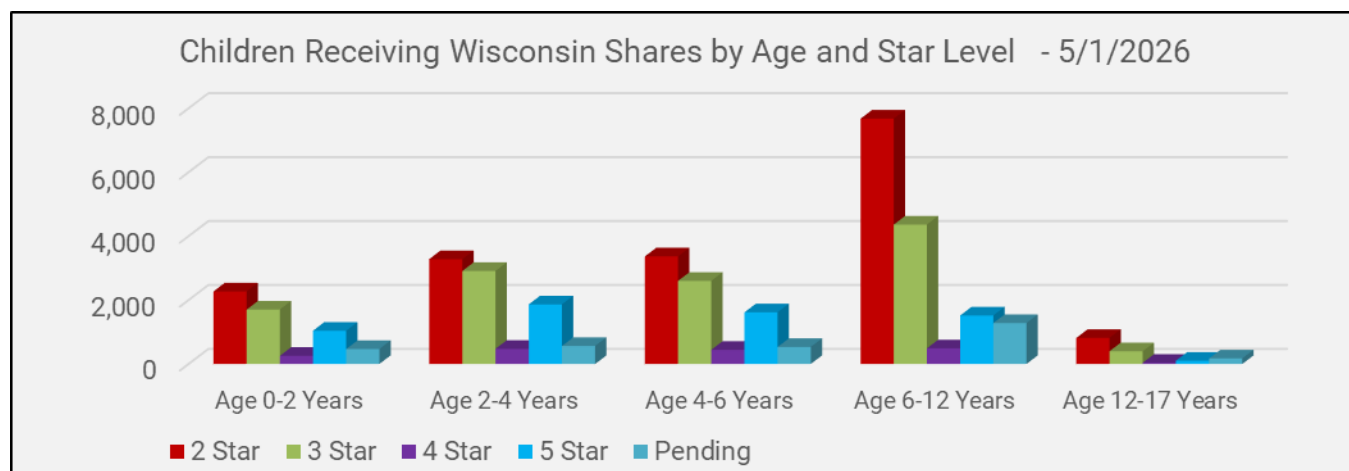


Percentage of Children Receiving Shares at Quality Levels - 5/1/2026



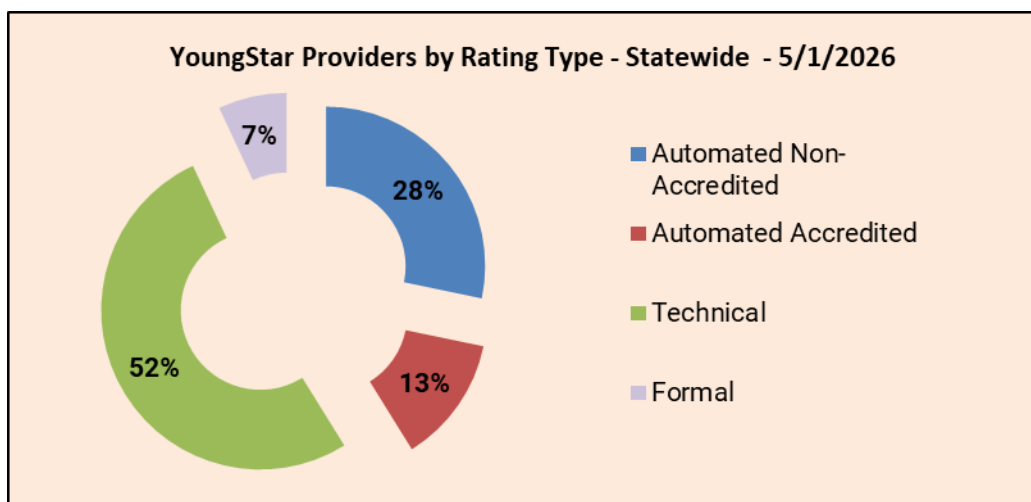
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	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,270	1,704	256	1,040	469	5,739
Age 2-4 Years	3,278	2,911	474	1,864	565	9,092
Age 4-6 Years	3,367	2,601	444	1,616	532	8,560
Age 6-12 Years	7,676	4,363	490	1,518	1,282	15,329
Age 12-17 Years	817	397	38	103	174	1,529
Total	17,408	11,976	1,702	6,141	3,022	40,249



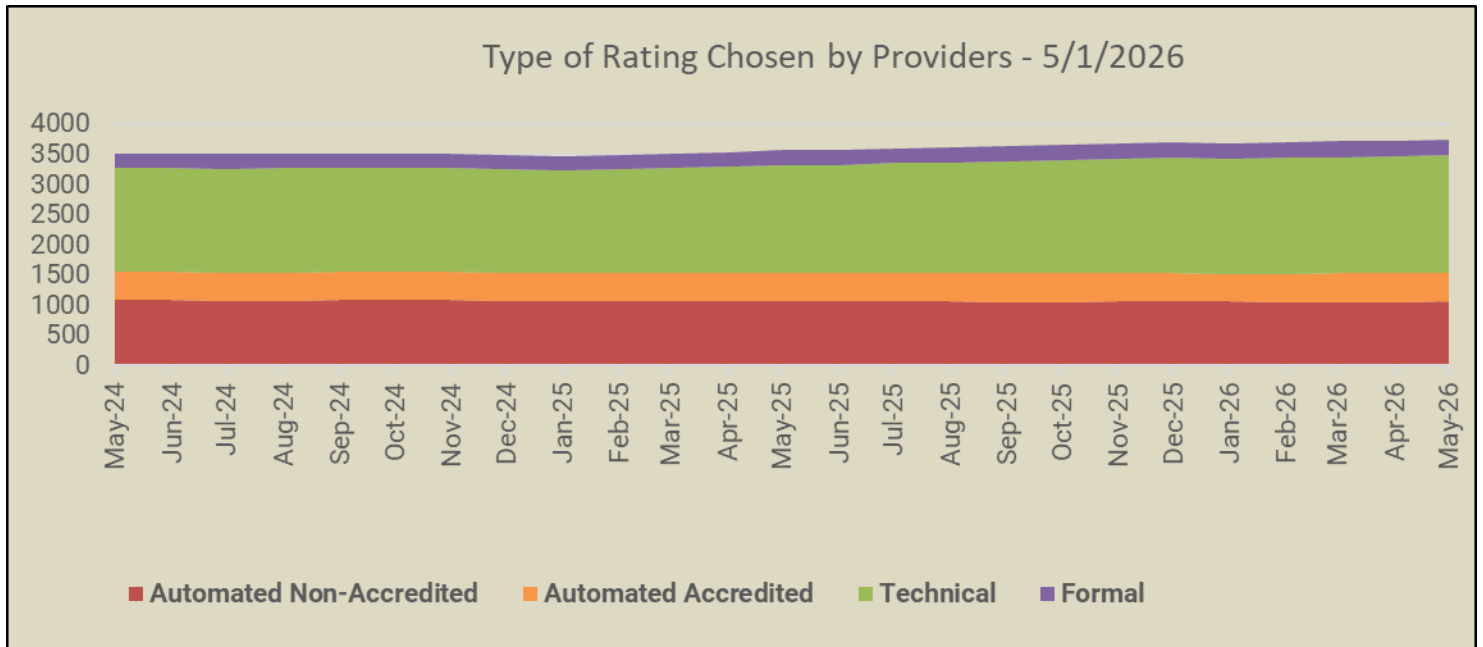
★ Rating History and Composition:

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

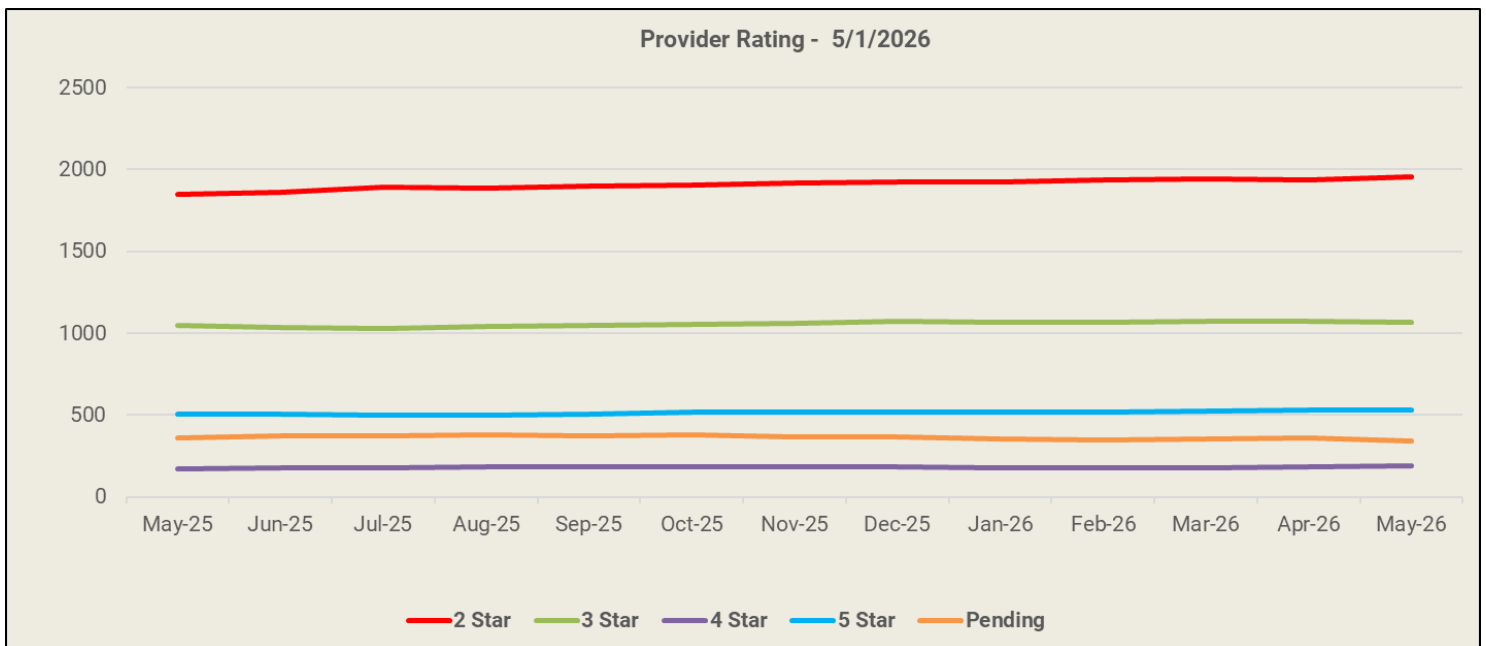


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The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



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



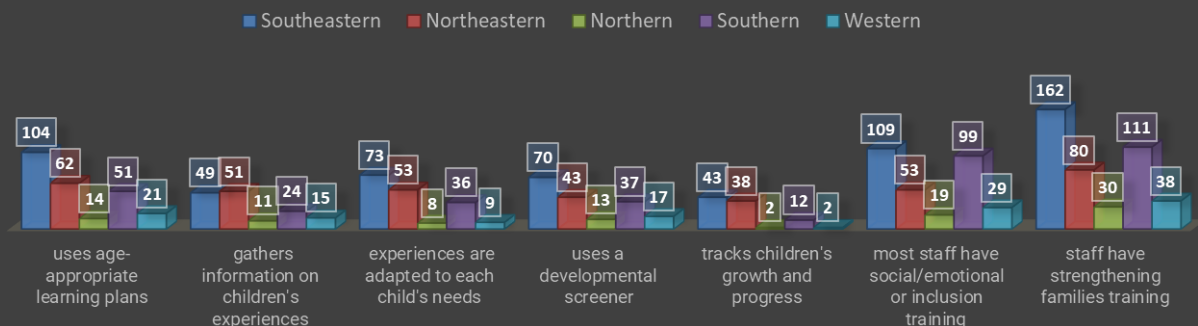
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★ High-Quality Practices:

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	104	49	73	70	43	109	162
Northeastern	62	51	53	43	38	53	80
Northern	14	11	8	13	2	19	30
Southern	51	24	36	37	12	99	111
Western	21	15	9	17	2	29	38
Total	252	150	179	180	97	309	421

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 5/1/2026

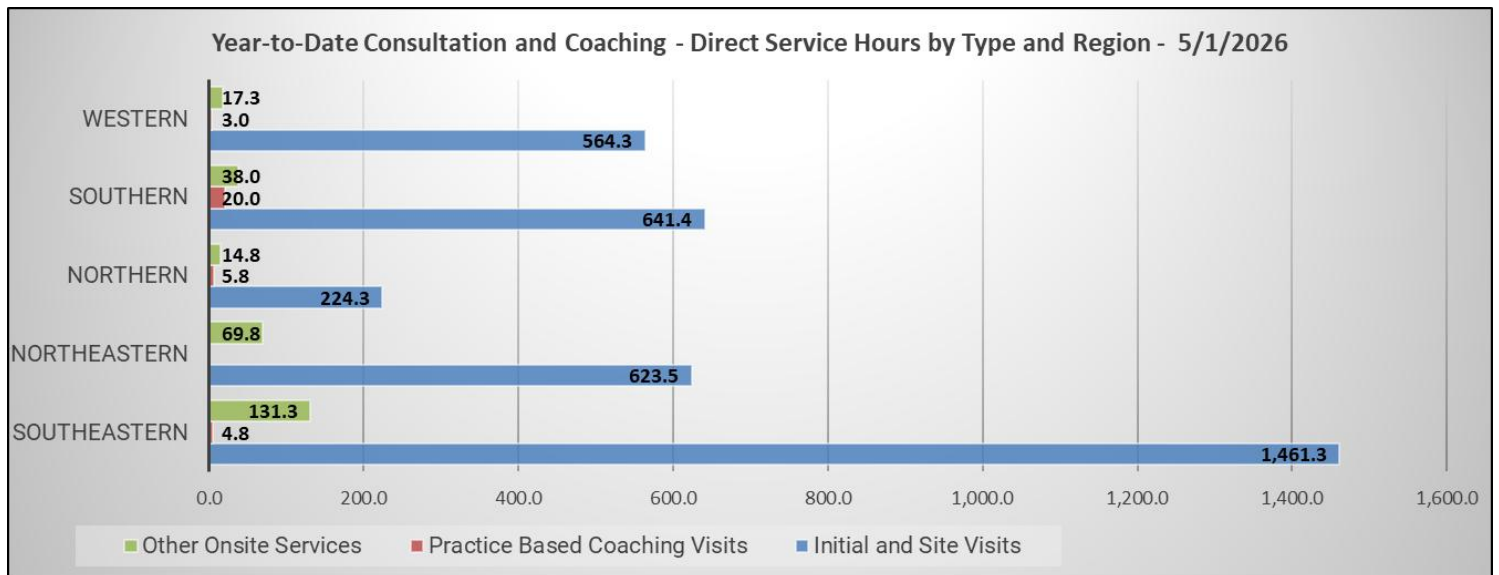


★ Onsite Services:

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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.



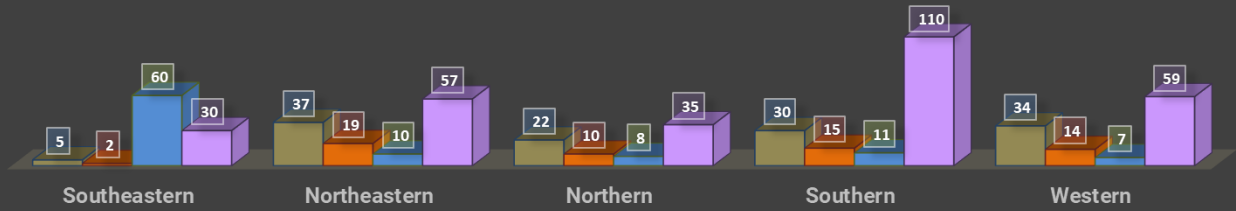
★ YoungStar Data on Partnerships:

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	2	60	30	2,157
Northeastern	37	19	10	57	569
Northern	22	10	8	35	224
Southern	30	15	11	110	692
Western	34	14	7	59	449
Statewide	128	60	96	291	4,091

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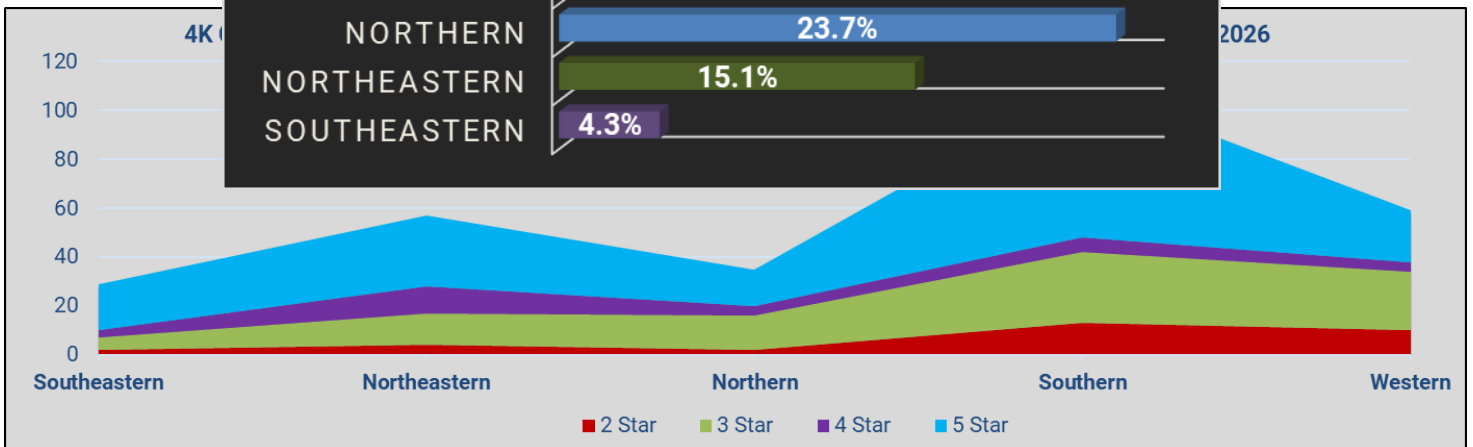
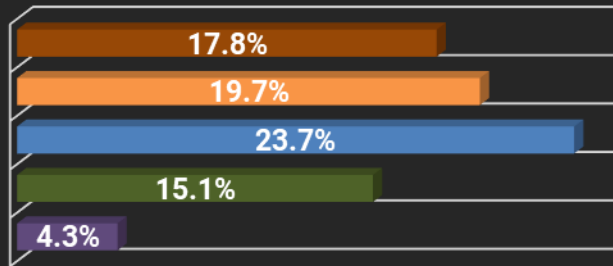
OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 5/1/2026

■ Standalone Head Starts ■ Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations ■ Head Start Child Care Partners ■ 4K Collaborations

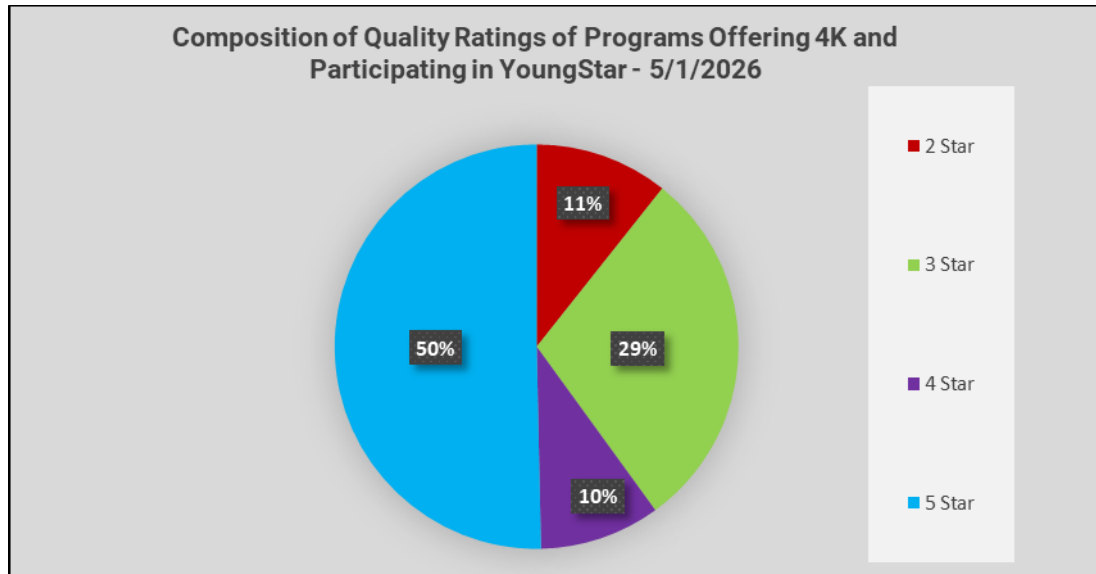


PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 5/1/2026

WESTERN
SOUTHERN
NORTHERN
NORTHEASTERN
SOUTHEASTERN



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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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