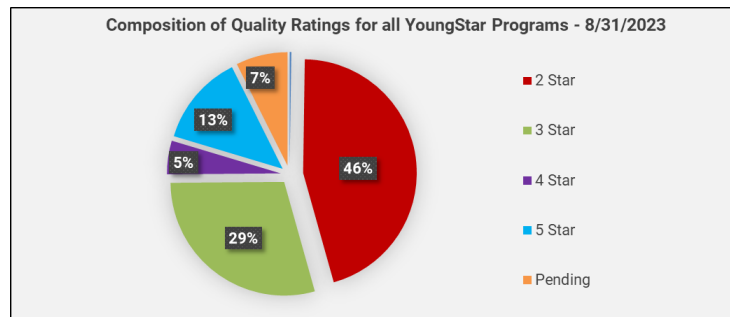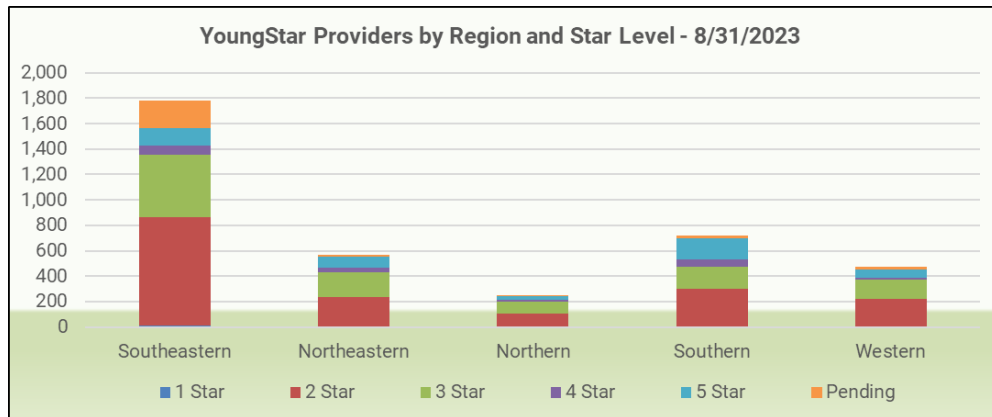# Narrative of Monthly Report
August 2023

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 August, the following are notable YoungStar statistics.

★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**
  We currently have 3,792 programs participating in YoungStar. This is a decrease of 16 programs as compared to July. 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	9	854	494	67	142	217	1,783
Northeastern	0	232	200	34	84	20	570
Northern	0	109	92	10	33	7	251
Southern	0	303	174	53	171	16	717
Western	0	224	148	17	63	19	471
Total	9	1,722	1,108	181	493	279	3,792

YoungStar Providers by Region and Star Level - 8/31/2023

Composition of Quality Ratings for all YoungStar Programs - 8/31/2023

Data as of 8/31/2023

★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**
In August, the total number of programs currently rated was 3,513. There were an additional 279 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,684 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	10,908	8,166	1,592	3,610	**2,658**	**26,934**
Northeastern	734	1,557	247	738	**110**	**3,386**
Northern	281	416	101	123	**6**	**927**
Southern	1,238	1,106	135	944	**71**	**3,494**
Western	697	724	39	295	**100**	**1,855**
Total	**13,858**	**11,969**	**2,114**	**5,710**	**2,945**	**36,596**
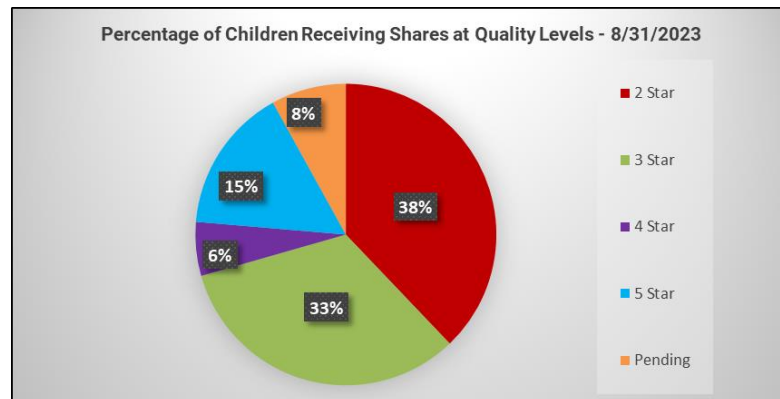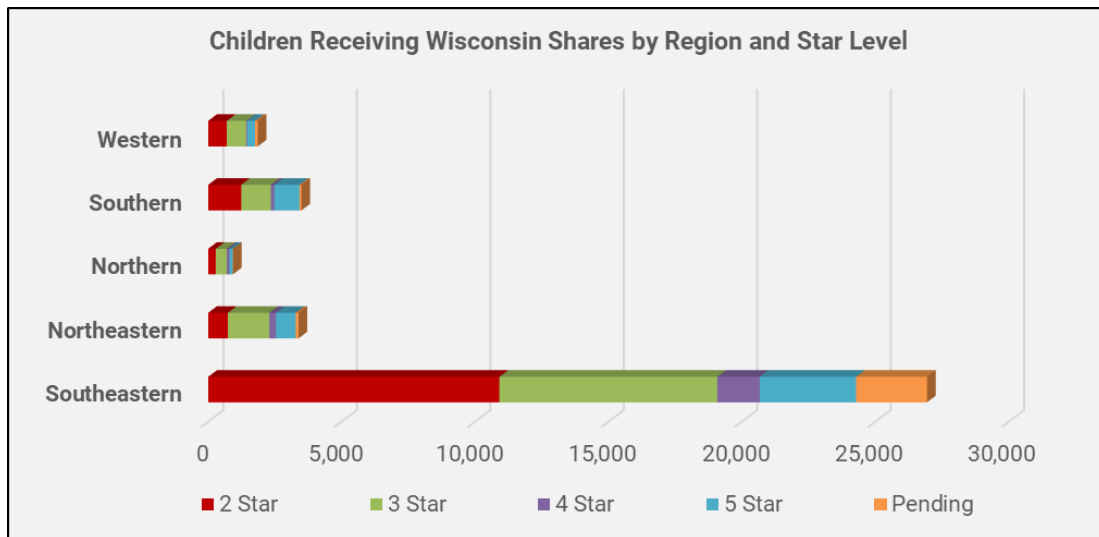
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	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2	1,946	1,753	296	932	577	**5,504**
Age 2-4	2,996	3,027	550	1,726	689	**8,988**
Age 4-6	2,869	2,792	514	1,568	594	**8,337**
Age 6-12	5,521	4,088	691	1,432	993	**12,725**
Age 12-17	526	309	63	52	92	**1,042**
Total	**13,858**	**11,969**	**2,114**	**5,710**	**2,945**	**36,596**

Children Receiving Wisconsin Shares by Age and Star Level -8/31/2023
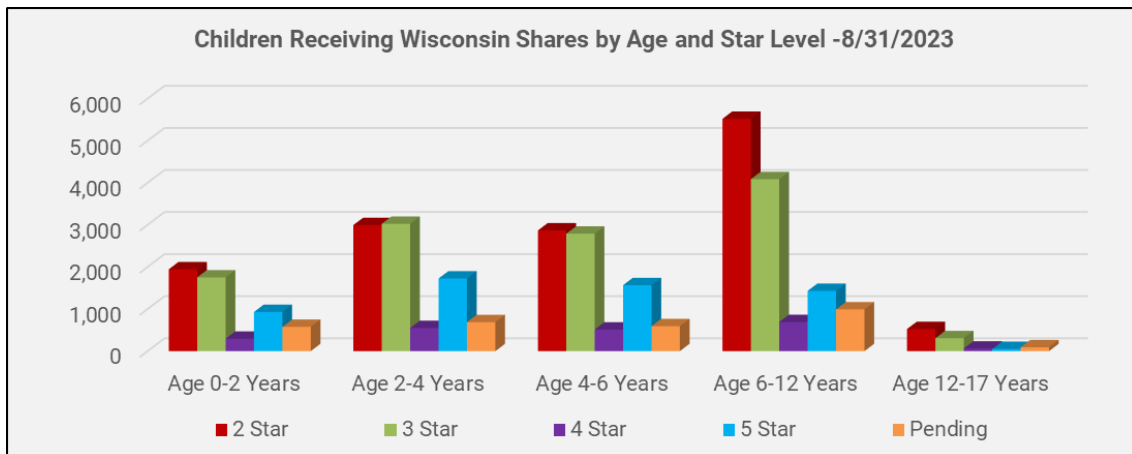
★ **Rating History and Composition:**
    The composition of currently rated programs is shown below for August.

YoungStar Providers by Rating Type - Statewide - 8/31/23
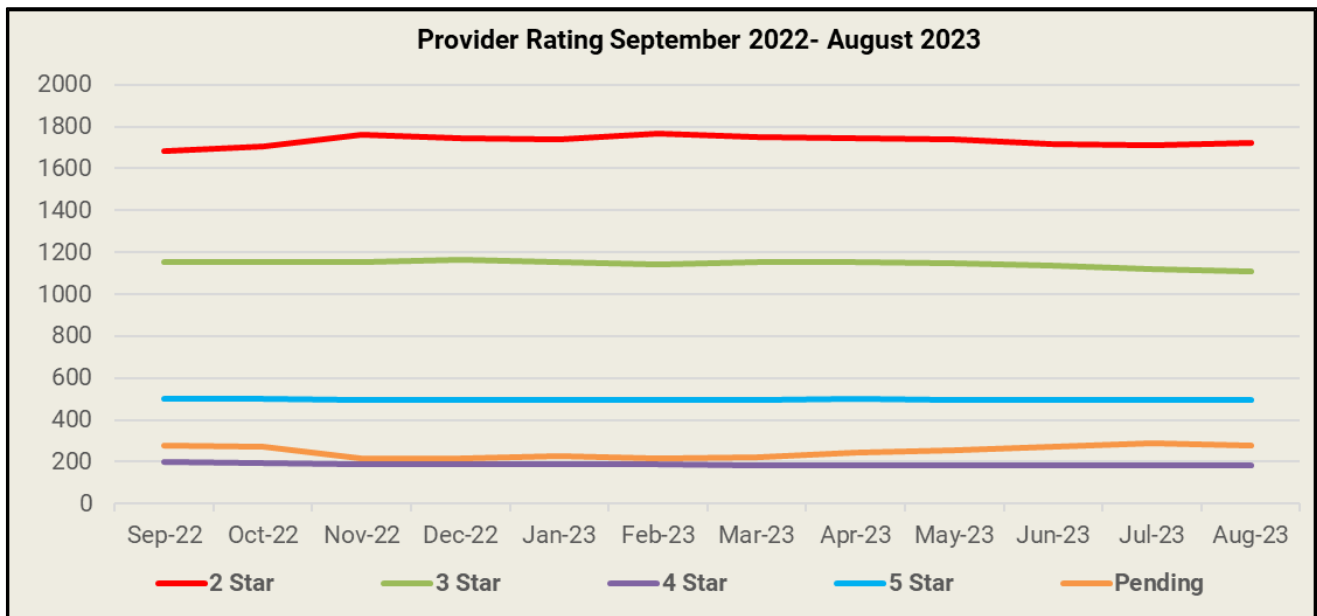
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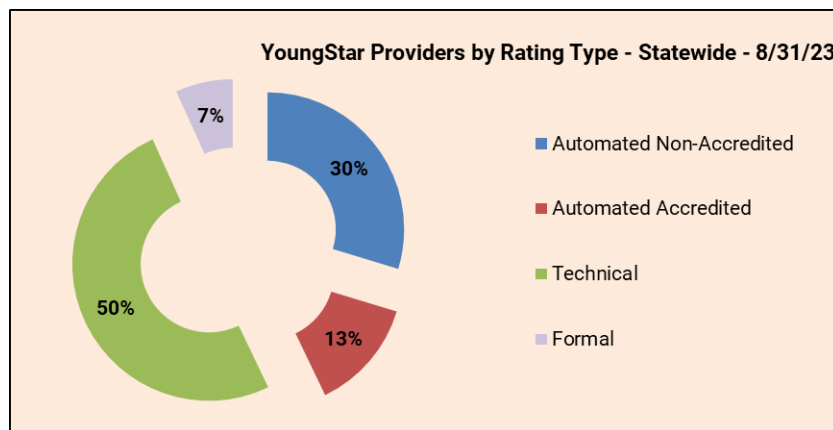
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The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.

Type of Rating Chosen by Providers

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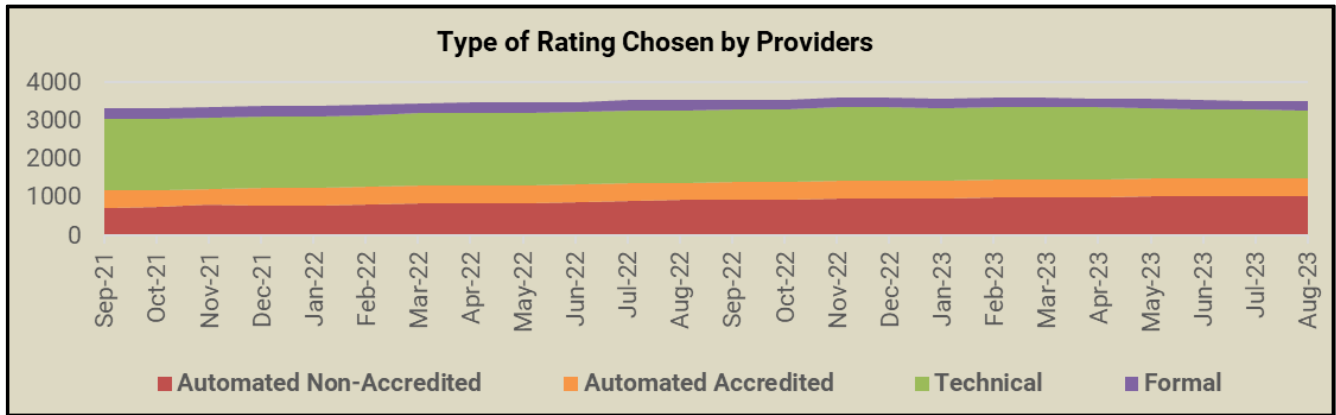
The graph below shows movement in rating levels for providers over the past year.

Provider Rating September 2022- August 2023

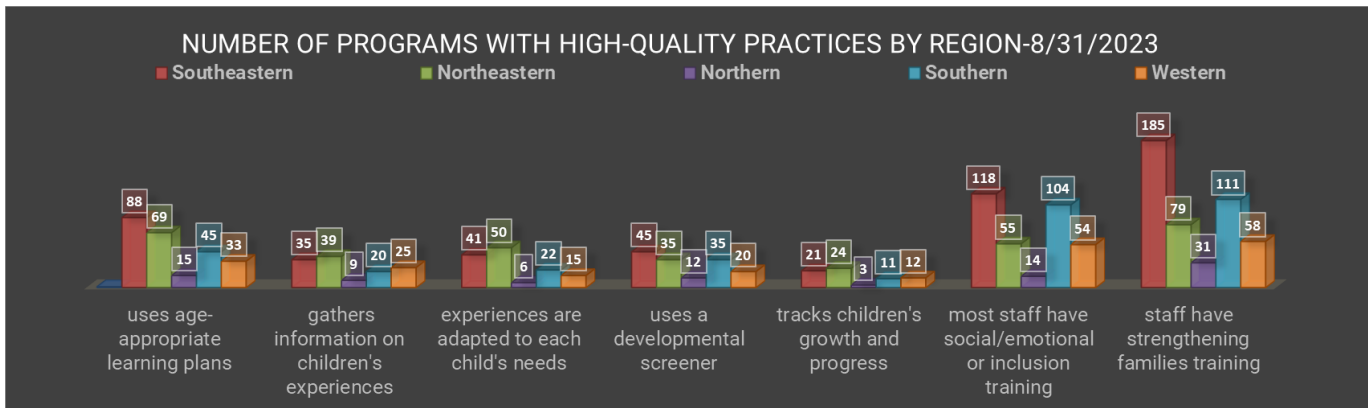Legend: —2 Star —3 Star —4 Star —5 Star —Pending

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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.

8/31/2023	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	88	35	41	45	21	118	185
Northeastern	69	39	50	35	24	55	79
Northern	15	9	6	12	3	14	31
Southern	45	20	22	35	11	104	111
Western	33	25	15	20	12	54	58
Total	**250**	**128**	**134**	**147**	**71**	**345**	**464**

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION-8/31/2023

★ **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.

Year-to-Date Consultation and Coaching - Direct Service Hours by Type and Region - 8/31/23
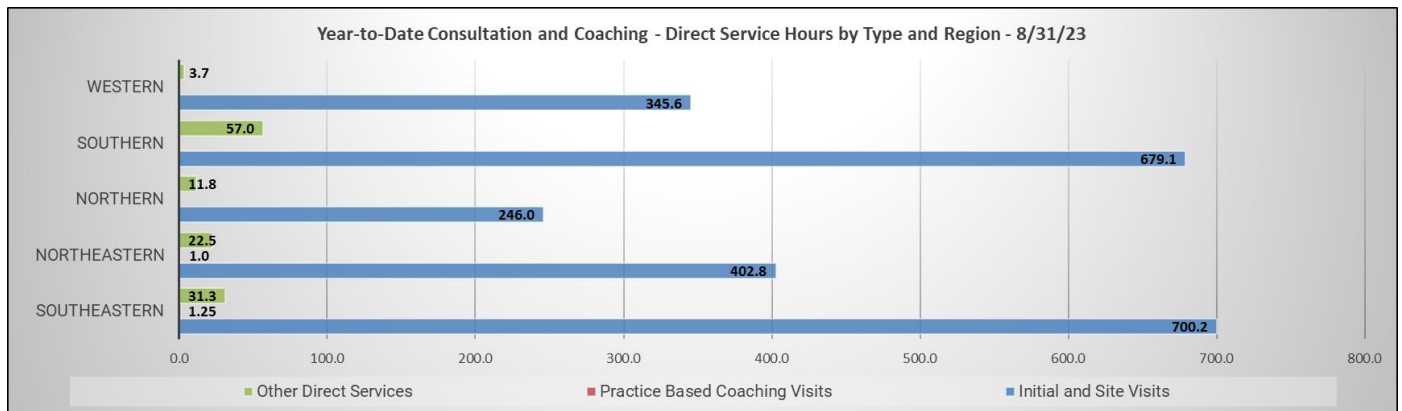
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★ **YoungStar Data on Partnerships as of 8/31/2023:**

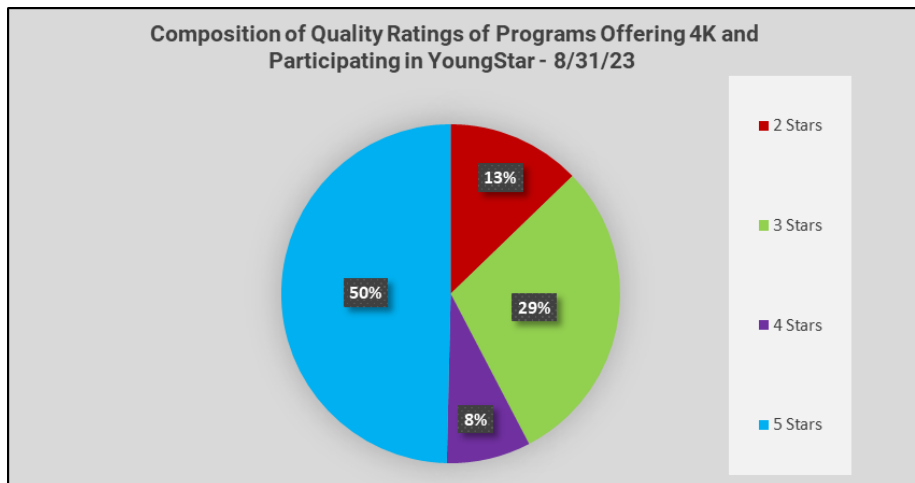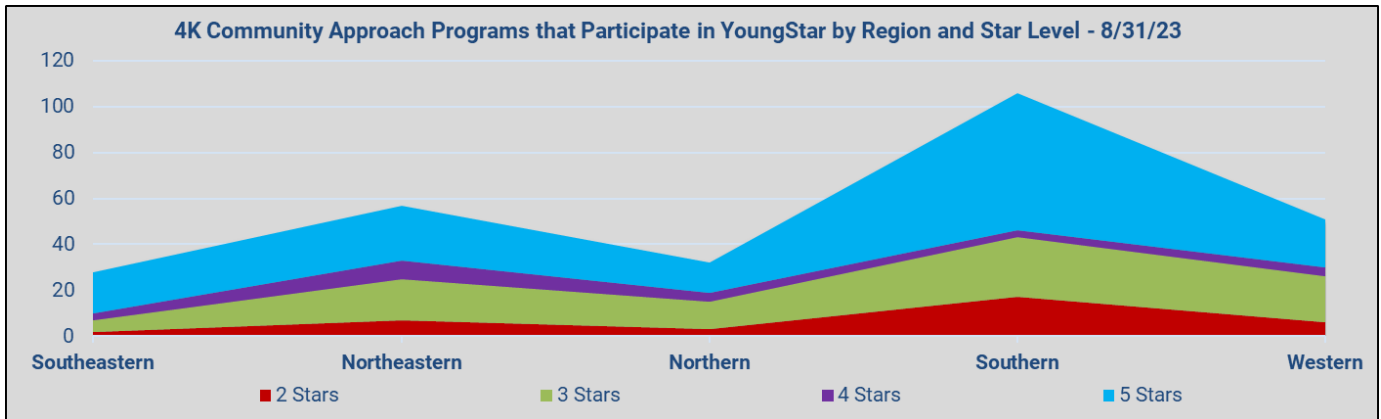| Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	10	2	57	28	1783
Northeastern	30	14	16	57	570
Northern	21	9	9	32	251
Southern	36	17	11	106	717
Western	32	12	7	51	471
Total	**129**	**54**	**100**	**274**	**3792**

OFFICIAL PUBLIC COLLABORATION OF YOUNGSTAR PROVIDERS BY REGION AS OF 8/31/23

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

	Southeastern	Northeastern	Northern	Southern	Western
Standalone Head Starts	10	30	21	36	32
Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	2	14	9	17	12
Head Start Child Care Partners	57	16	9	11	7
4K Collaborations	28	57	32	106	51

PERCENTAGE OF COLLABORATIONS BY REGION - 8/31/23

Region	Percentage
STATEWIDE	11.3%
WESTERN	14.9%
SOUTHERN	18.7%
NORTHERN	19.9%
NORTHEASTERN	15.3%
SOUTHEASTERN	4.9%

Data as of 8/31/2023

4K Community Approach Programs that Participate in YoungStar by Region and Star Level - 8/31/23

Legend: 2 Stars, 3 Stars, 4 Stars, 5 Stars

Regions: Southeastern, Northeastern, Northern, Southern, Western

Composition of Quality Ratings of Programs Offering 4K and Participating in YoungStar - 8/31/23

- 2 Stars: 13%
- 3 Stars: 29%
- 4 Stars: 8%
- 5 Stars: 50%

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.

Data as of 8/31/2023