



STARS Annual Report July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

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Summary report of STARS participation, capacity, and activity.

Vermont's STep Ahead Recognition system is now in its tenth year as an agent for engaging early childhood and school age programs in achieving standards that are associated with better outcomes for children, families and the professionals who work with them.

Over the past year, the STARS program continued to show growth in the number of programs participating. The total applications received grew from 517 in the previous year to 582 this year.

Table 1. Total applications received

year	2010/2011	2011/2012
July	36	36
August	36	37
September	47	44
October	47	46
November	38	29
December	26	49
January	49	58
February	42	57
March	43	54
April	36	33
May	47	68
June	70	71
total	517	582

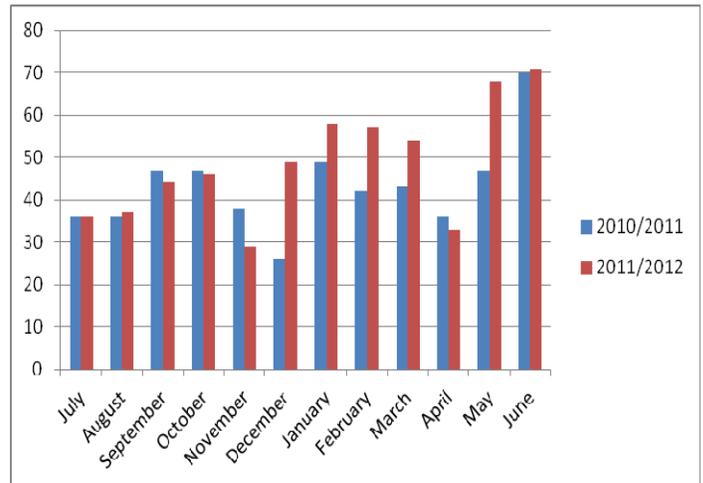
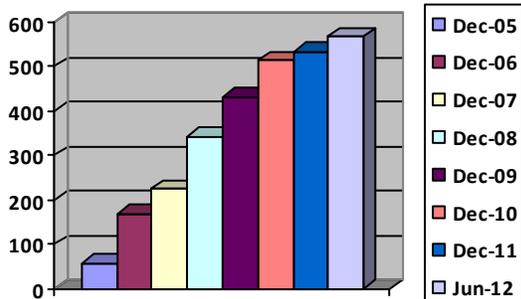


Table 2: Total Programs in STARS by Year.



Dec 2005	57
Dec 2006	169
Dec 2007	224
Dec 2008	342
Dec 2009	431
Dec 2010	514
Dec 2011	532
June 2012	566

Table 3. Total Programs in STARS currently by AHS district.

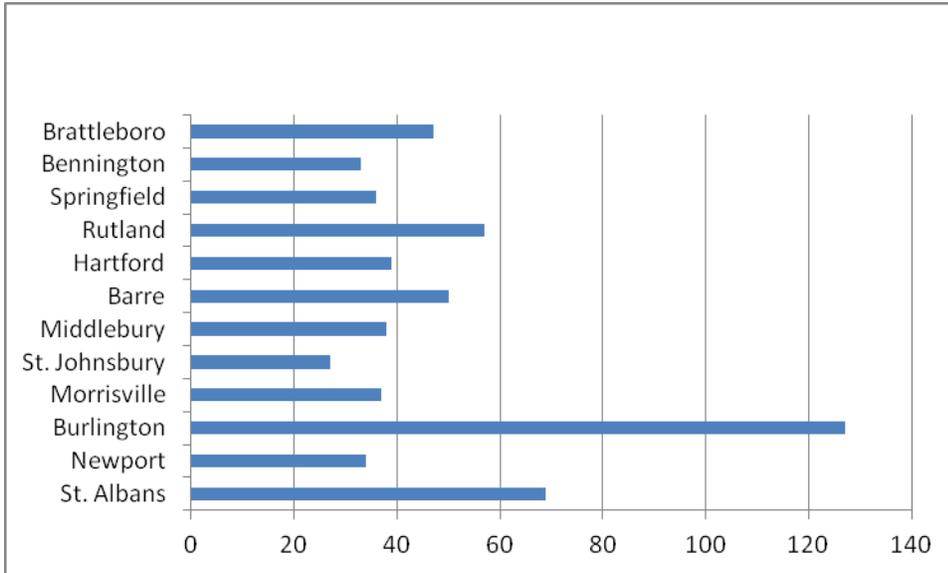
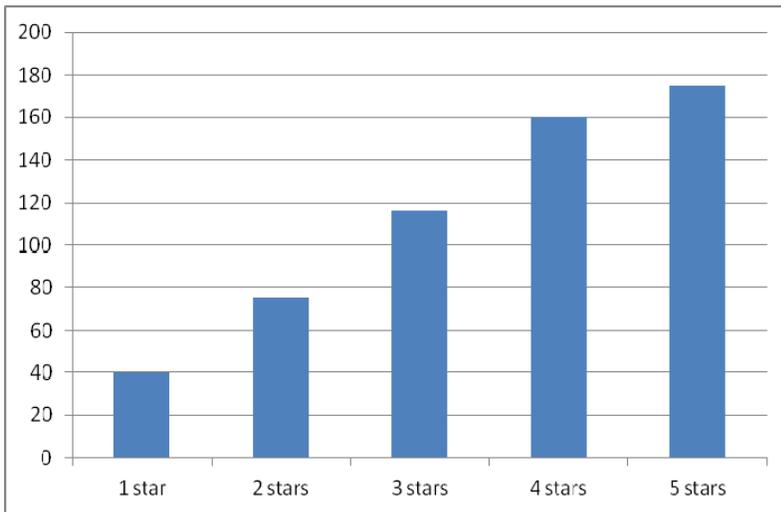


Table 4. Total programs at each star level.



Programs by star levels	
1 star	40
2 stars	75
3 stars	116
4 stars	160
5 stars	175
total	566

The previous tables show the continuous steady increase in the number of programs participating in STARS over the history of the STARS program, as well as the high number overall of programs at the five star level.

The following tables will show the increase in programs at the higher levels of stars, as well as the numbers of programs participating in STARS in each of the AHS districts over time.

Table 5. Average points programs have achieved by star level and arena.

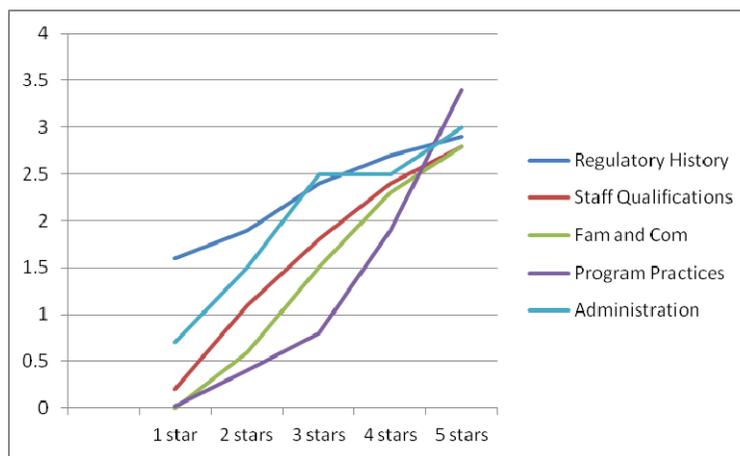
Average number of points achieved by programs in each arena per quarter this year.

Avg number of points per arena						
	Regulatory History	Staff Qualifications	Families and Community	Program Practices	Program Administration	Total Average Points
1st qtr	2.5	2.1	2	1.7	2.5	10.8
2nd qtr	2.6	2.2	2	1.8	2.5	11.1
3rd qtr	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.5	10.8
4th qtr	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	2.4	10.7

The lowest average points for programs overall are in the Families and Community and Program Practices arenas. This could be because these arenas reflect activities which take planning and require more program resources including time to implement than other arenas.

Average points programs achieved by arena and star level

Avg. points by arena and star level					
	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Regulatory History	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.9
Qualifications	0.2	1.1	1.8	2.4	2.8
Families and Community	0	0.6	1.5	2.3	2.8
Program Practices	0.02	0.4	0.8	1.9	3.4
Administration	0.7	1.5	2.5	2.8	3
Total	2.5	5.7	9.2	12.1	15



Note: The biggest change in points from 4 to 5 star programs is the Program Practices arena. This suggests programs earn points in this arena might be the most difficult to achieve.

Table 6. History of star level over time.

Number of programs at each star level for each year of the STARS program

STAR Level By Year									
	Apr-05	Dec-05	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec-09	Dec-10	Dec-11	June 2012
1 Star	2	7	20	25	34	29	39	32	40
2 Stars	3	6	23	30	48	42	60	62	75
3 Stars	7	14	53	57	82	118	113	112	117
4 Stars	2	21	55	77	111	147	181	165	160
5 Stars	1	9	18	35	67	95	121	161	173
total	15	57	169	224	342	431	514	532	565

In the early years of STARS highest numbers of programs were at the three stars level, shifting to the highest number at 5 stars by 2012.

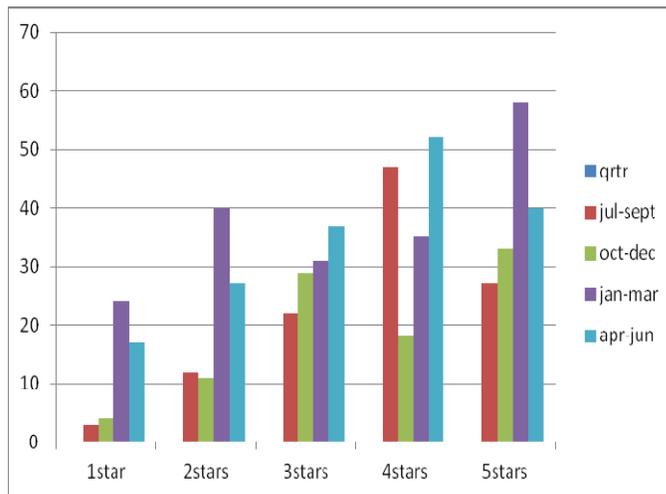
Number of programs at each star level and number of years the program has been participating in STARS. This chart demonstrates how programs tend to go up in stars over the longer they participate.

#of years in stars	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars	total
1	32	34	22	5	3	96
2	6	17	19	19	6	64
3	7	19	30	34	30	120
4	0	7	21	43	47	118
5	1	5	12	18	30	66
6	0	3	7	14	16	40
7	2	0	8	15	32	97
8	0	0	3	7	13	23
9	0	1	1	1	3	6

Number of programs at each star level per quarter of this year.

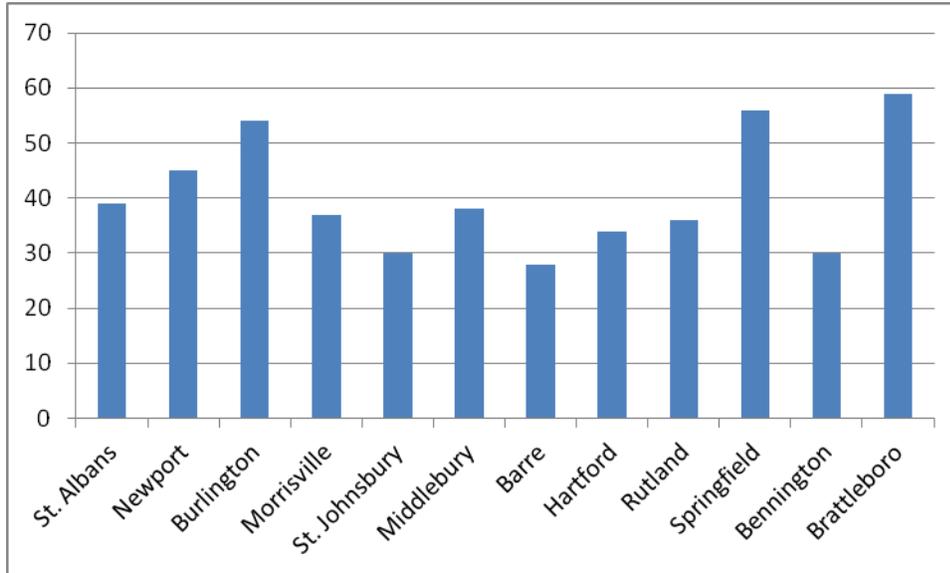
This chart shows an increase in 1 and 2 star programs as well as shift to higher numbers of 4 and 5 star programs over the course of the year. This is because there were more new programs coming in at one and two stars as well as the continuing trend of programs moving to the four and five star level from the three star level.

Table 7. Programs at each star level by AHS district compared to all regulated programs in each district.



AHS district	1 star	2stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars	Total STARS programs by AHS district	% of district total regulated programs
St Albans	15	12	13	14	15	69	39%
Newport	2	4	9	6	13	40	45%
Burlington	5	17	18	38	49	127	54%
Morrisville	3	5	9	12	8	37	37%
St. Johnsbury	1	5	4	8	9	27	30%
Middlebury	3	4	7	10	14	38	38%
Barre	6	7	12	12	17	54	28%
Hartford	2	4	9	13	11	39	34%
Rutland	2	10	17	12	16	57	36%
Springfield	6	9	7	6	8	36	56%
Bennington	0	4	7	9	13	33	30%
Brattleboro	3	5	12	18	9	47	59%

Percentage of regulated programs in STARS by AHS district



This illustration shows the number of programs at each star level in each AHS district. It also compares the number of STARS programs in each district with the total number of regulated programs in each district. Going forward this information will be helpful in identifying areas of the state to concentrate STARS development efforts.

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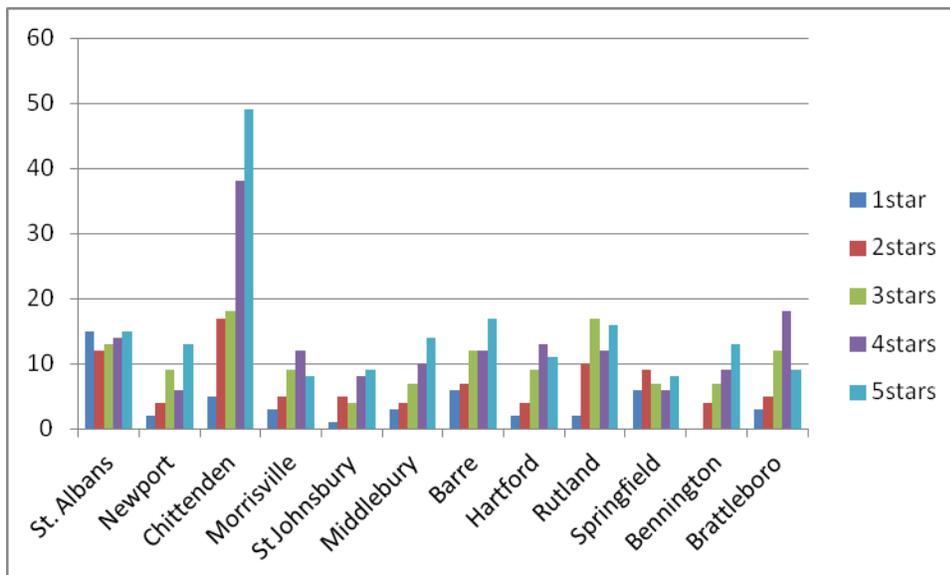
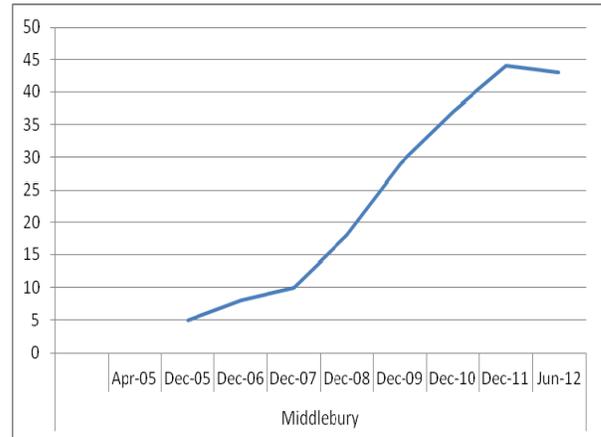
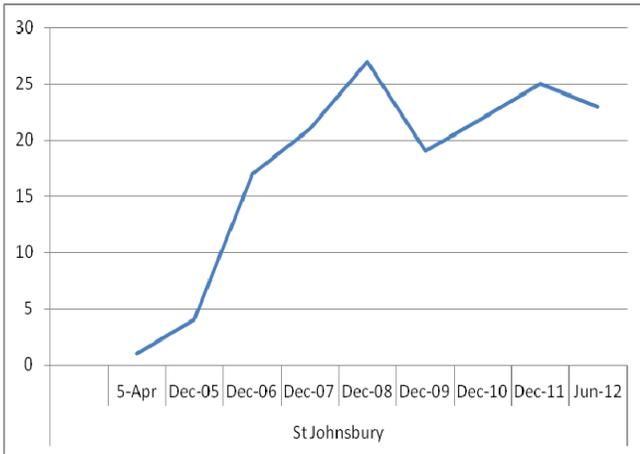
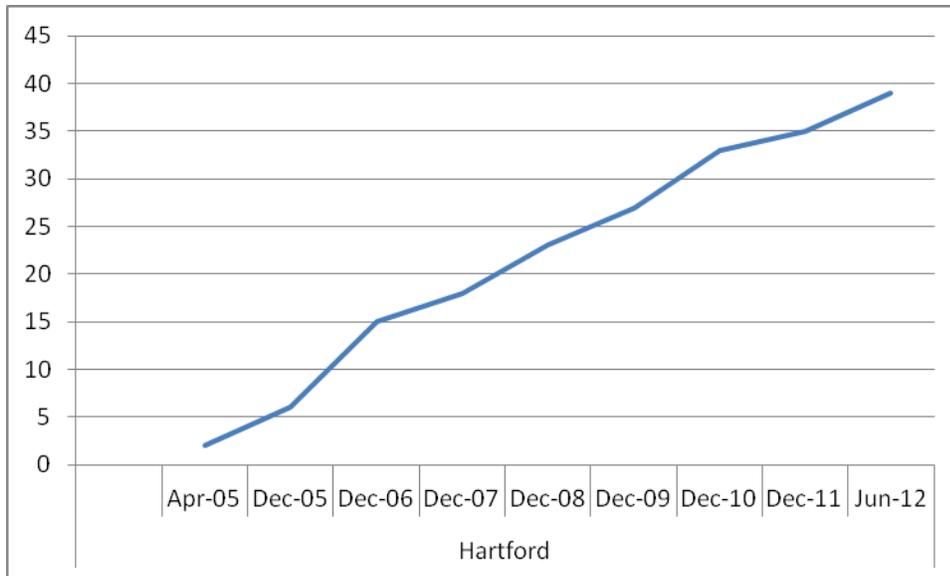


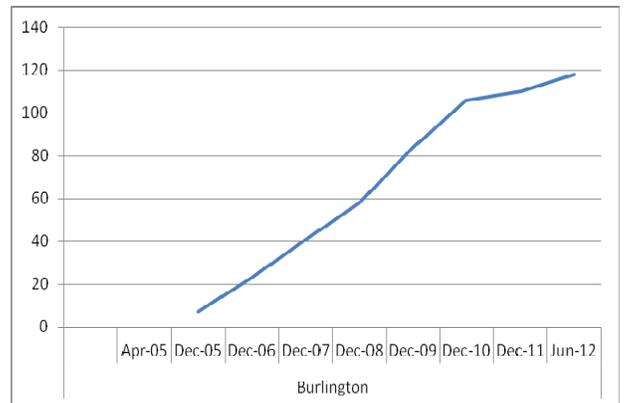
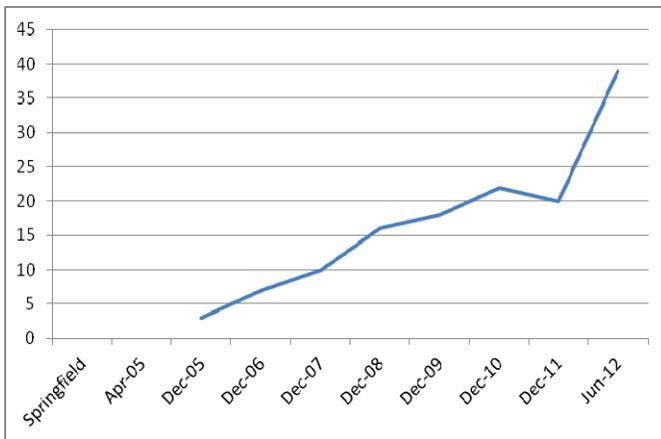
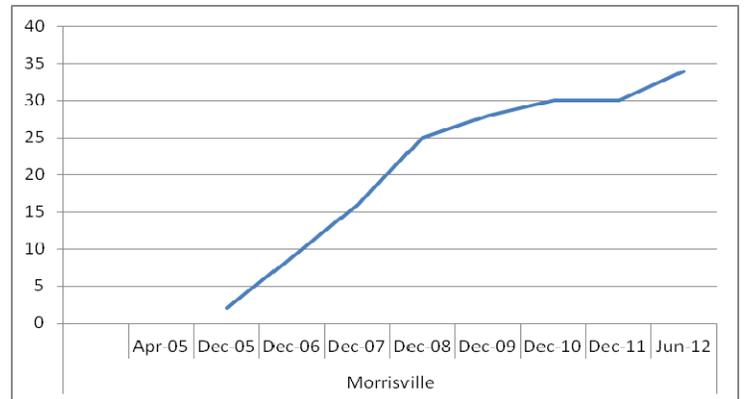
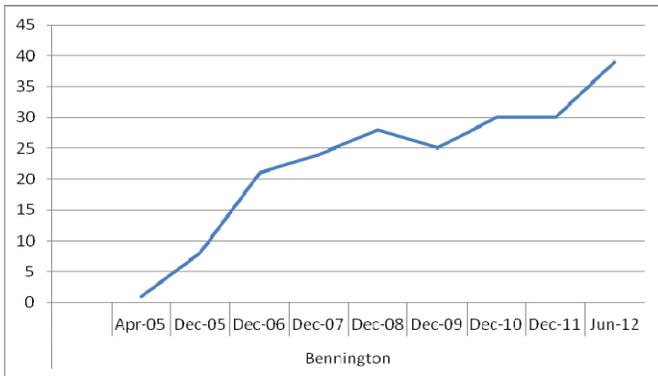
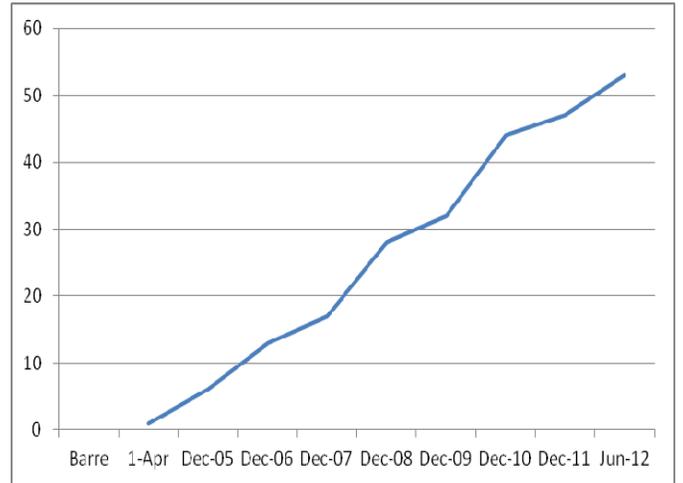
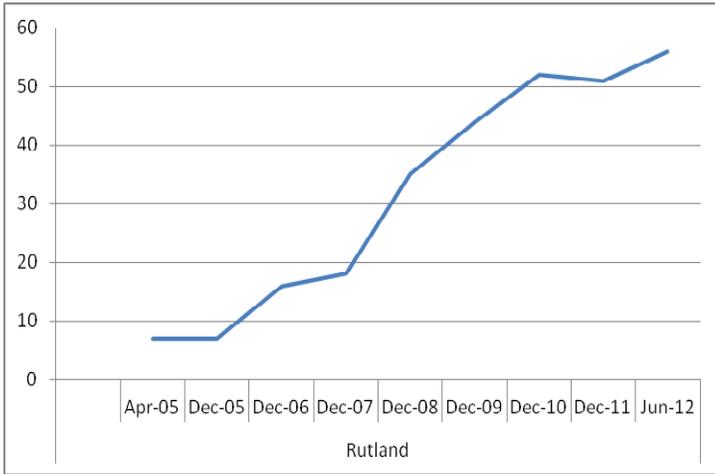
Table 8. Programs in STARS in each AHS district over the history of STARS

AHS districts with decreasing participation in STARS in the past year



AHS districts with increased participation in the past year.





Note: Of the seven districts which show increases in the past year, five were served by mentors sponsored by the VT Birth to Three Project. One of the goals of the project is to increase the number of registered home providers participating in STARS.

Programs with level participation in the past year.

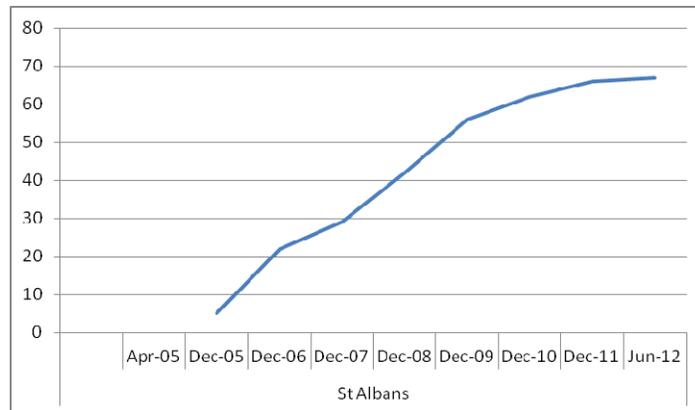
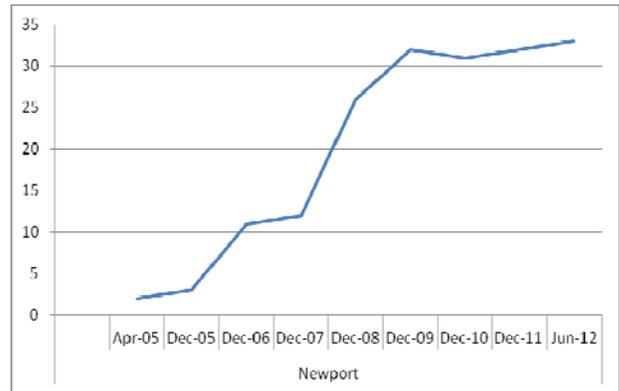
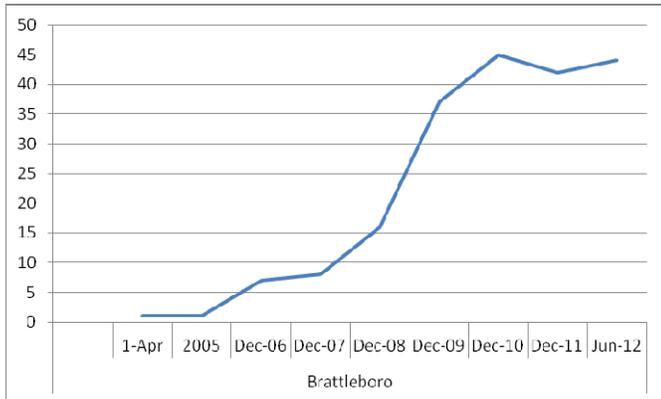
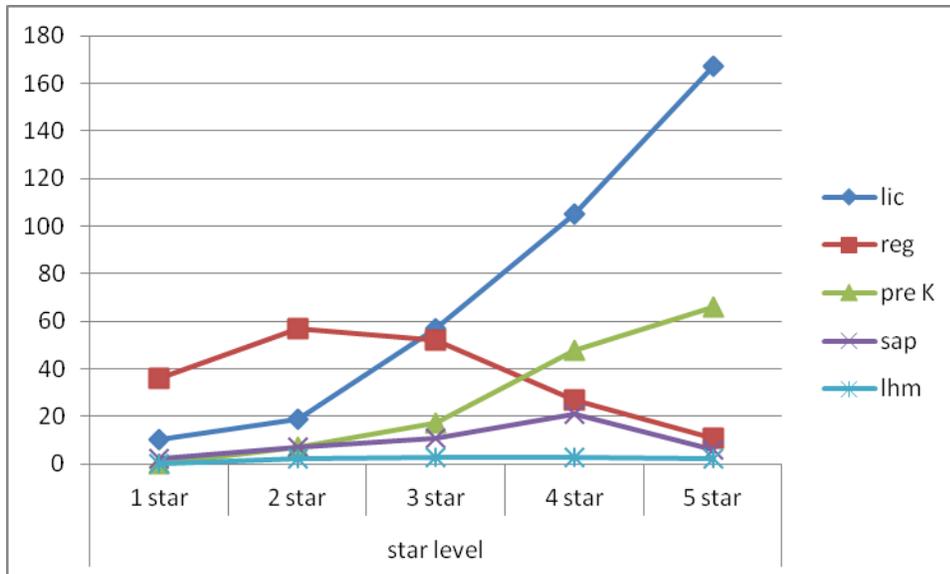


Table 9. Star levels associated with types of programs

program type	star				
	1 star	2 star	3 star	4 star	5 star
Licensed Early Childhood	10	19	57	105	167
Registered home	36	57	52	27	11
Public pre-K	0	7	17	48	66
School age program	2	7	11	21	6
Licensed home	0	2	3	3	2



Key: lic-licensed programs
 reg-registered homes
 pre-K public school funded pre-Kindergarten
 sap-school age program
 lhm-licensed homes

This graph illustrates that the greatest number of licensed programs and public Pre-K programs are at the 4 and 5 star level. This highest number of registered homes is at the 2 and 3 star level and the highest number of school age programs is at the 4 star level.

Star level by type of business of the program. This chart illustrates the star levels of programs which are non-profit,(501(c)3) for profit (Corp or LLC), or publicly funded. Independent Sole Proprietor is the business category that registered homes fall under.

Star Level	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Business Type					
Independent Sole Proprietor	32	52	55	38	16
Corp or LLC	5	7	12	14	6
501 (c) 3	3	9	30	63	87
Partnership or LLC	0	0	1	1	0
Public School	0	7	18	44	64

Table 10. total regulated programs compared to programs in STARS

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Program type	In STARS	in state	%
Licensed Early childhood program	345	496	70%
Registered home	168	936	18%
Licensed home	11	16	69%
School age program	42	144	29%
total	566	1592	36%

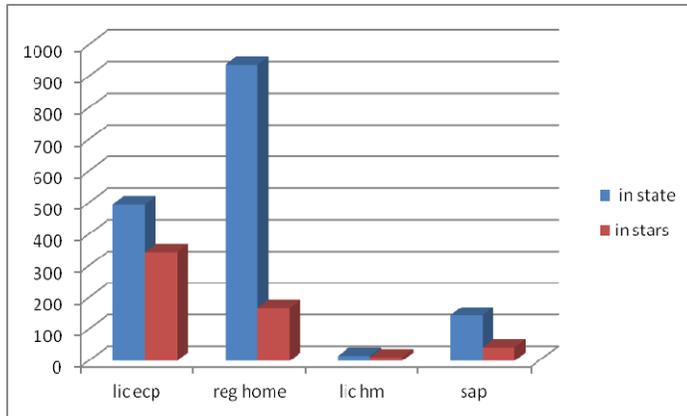
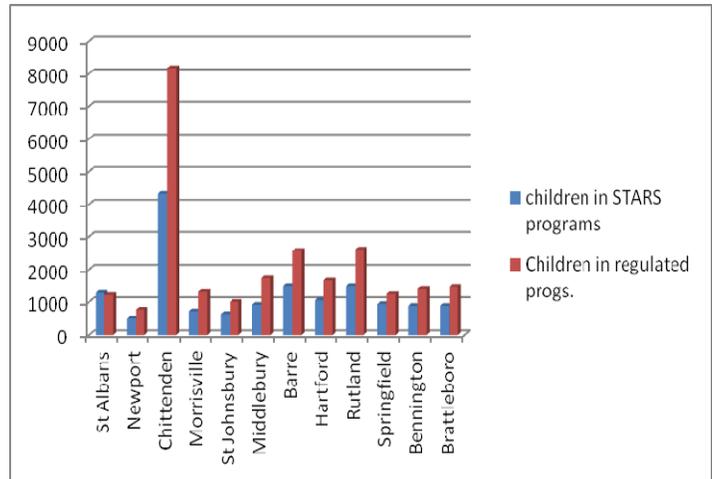


Table 11. Numbers of children in STARS programs compared to statewide capacity for children in regulated programs.

Total enrollment by STAR level	1 Star	2 Stars	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars
As reported by programs	460	1202	2927	4700	4853
Total children in STARS					14,142

Children in STARS programs compared to total children in regulated programs by AHS district.

AHS district	children in STARS programs	Children in regulated progs.	
St Albans	1305	1238	*105%
Newport	510	769	67%
Chittenden	4326	8171	53%
Morrisville	724	1328	55%
St Johnsbury	636	1004	63%
Middlebury	919	1731	53%
Barre	1494	2573	58%
Hartford	1057	1663	63%
Rutland	1494	2615	57%
Springfield	937	1267	73%
Bennington	884	1412	62%
Brattleboro	887	1473	60%



*The licensed capacity is exceeded by the number of children in STARS programs because of the number of programs who serve more than one group of children per day or week. For example, a Pre-K program might have a licensed capacity of 10 children, but might have a morning and afternoon program and so serve 20 children in a day, 10 at a time.

CCFAP children in STARS programs	3,997
CCFAP children in state	9,539
Total children in STARS	14,405
Total lic capacity in state	25,253

Total children in STARS programs compared to total capacity in regulated programs statewide: **57%**

The information in the next section of this report is related to the various sources of funding which covers tuition for children in STARS programs.

Table 12. Funding Sources by age of child and star level.

	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars	total
Private Pay Infant	50	90	148	208	213	709
Private Pay Toddler	64	104	117	293	260	838
Private Pay Preschool	111	176	427	860	780	2354
Private Pay Kindergarten	13	57	141	194	123	528
Private Pay School Age	48	212	570	725	198	1753
	286	639	1403	2280	1574	6182

	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars	total
CCFAP Infant	34	56	142	95	160	487
CCFAP Toddler	35	79	170	147	179	610
CCFAP Preschool	72	118	304	546	572	1612
CCFAP Kindergarten	11	28	75	87	72	273
CCFAP School Age	46	123	325	358	163	1015
Total	198	404	1016	1233	1146	3997

CCFAP stands for Child Care Financial Assistance Program. More information about his program can be found at www.dcf.vermont.gov/cdd

	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars	total
Public Pre-K and Act 62 Partnership Funded	0	16	427	1336	2325	4104

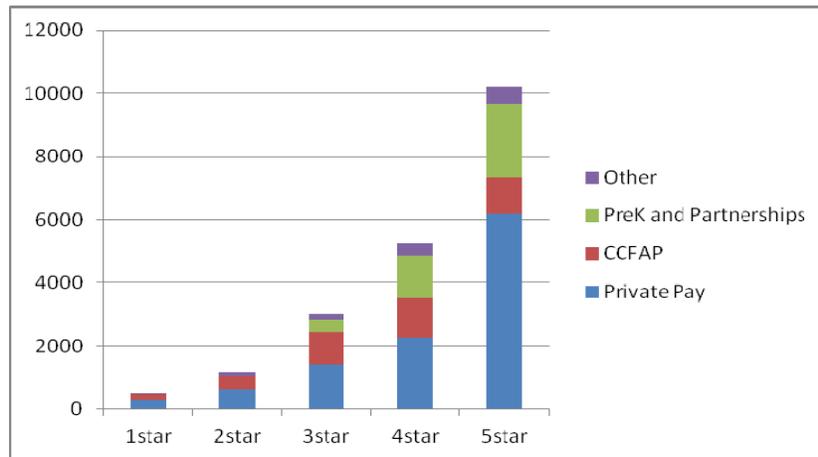
	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars	total
Other funding sources	7	118	172	396	566	1259

Other funding sources are scholarships offered by individual programs, and Head Start funding.

This chart shows the number of children by funding source at each star level

	1 star	2 stars	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Private Pay	286	639	1403	2280	6182
CCFAP	198	404	1016	1233	1146
Pre-K and Partnerships	0	16	427	1336	2325

This graph shows the number of children in STARS programs by funding source at each star level.



The last section of this report shows the number of programs no longer participating in STARS, the reason for leaving the STARS program if it was provided, and the number of program assessments performed by STARS assessors over the past year.

Table 13 Programs no longer participating in STARS

Programs closed by quarter	
1s qtr	3
2nd qtr	5
3rd qtr	13
4th qtr	9
total	31

Reason closed in STARS	
Program closed	14
No longer wants to be in STARS	16
Administration change	1

Table 14 Program assessment activity

Assessments completed

July-Sept. 2011	10
Oct-Dec 2011	23
Jan-March	23
April-June	14
total	70

Note: The information about numbers of children in all aspects of the STARS program is self-reported by providers as part of

the STARS application. These numbers are subject to frequent change but are reported to us annually. Consequently, there may be slight variations between the numbers of children reported here and the actual numbers of children in STARS programs at any given time.

The information in this table shows the number of registered providers in STARS in each of the AHS districts over the course of the previous STARS year.

AHS dist	1st qtr	2nd qtr	3rd qtr	4th qtr
St Albans	38	42	38	41
Newport	14	14	17	17
Burlington	21	22	26	30
Morrisville	8	10	11	12
St Johnsbury	9	6	7	8
Middlebury	15	15	15	11
Barre	13	11	9	9
Hartford	4	6	9	9
Rutland	15	13	16	16
Springfield	6	4	15	18
Bennington	10	8	9	10
Brattleboro	12	10	10	13

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