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Kostant's partition function counts the number of ways to represent a particular vector (weight) as a nonnegative integral sum of positive roots of a Lie algebra. For a given weight the  $q$ -analog of Kostant's partition function is a polynomial where the coefficient of  $q^k$  is the number of ways the weight can be written as a nonnegative integral sum of exactly  $k$  positive roots. In this talk we present generating functions for the  $q$ -analog of Kostant's partition function when the weight in question is the highest root of the classical Lie algebras of types  $B, C$  and  $D$ . (Received July 18, 2017)