



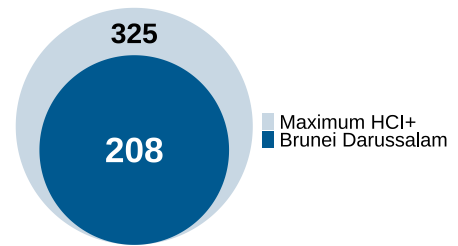
# BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Region: East Asia & Pacific  
Income Category: High Income

**Human capital - people’s knowledge, skills, and health - drives productivity and growth.** The Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+) measures the human capital a child born today can expect to accumulate over their working life, extending the original HCI by incorporating tertiary education and work experience. This brief summarizes **Brunei Darussalam’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

## What is Brunei Darussalam’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

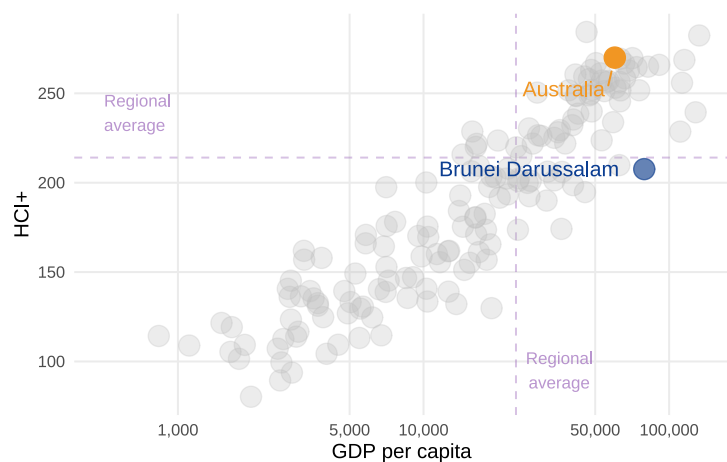
Brunei Darussalam’s HCI+ score is **208** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 125%.



## How does Brunei Darussalam’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

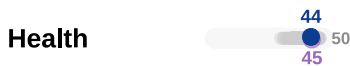
Brunei Darussalam’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and lower than the average for **high-income countries (254)**.

Among Brunei Darussalam’s income level peers, **Australia is the top performer in HCI+.**



## What explains Brunei Darussalam’s HCI+?

The HCI+ has three components corresponding to health, education, and employment.



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 44**, about the same as the **regional average of 45**.



The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 117**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

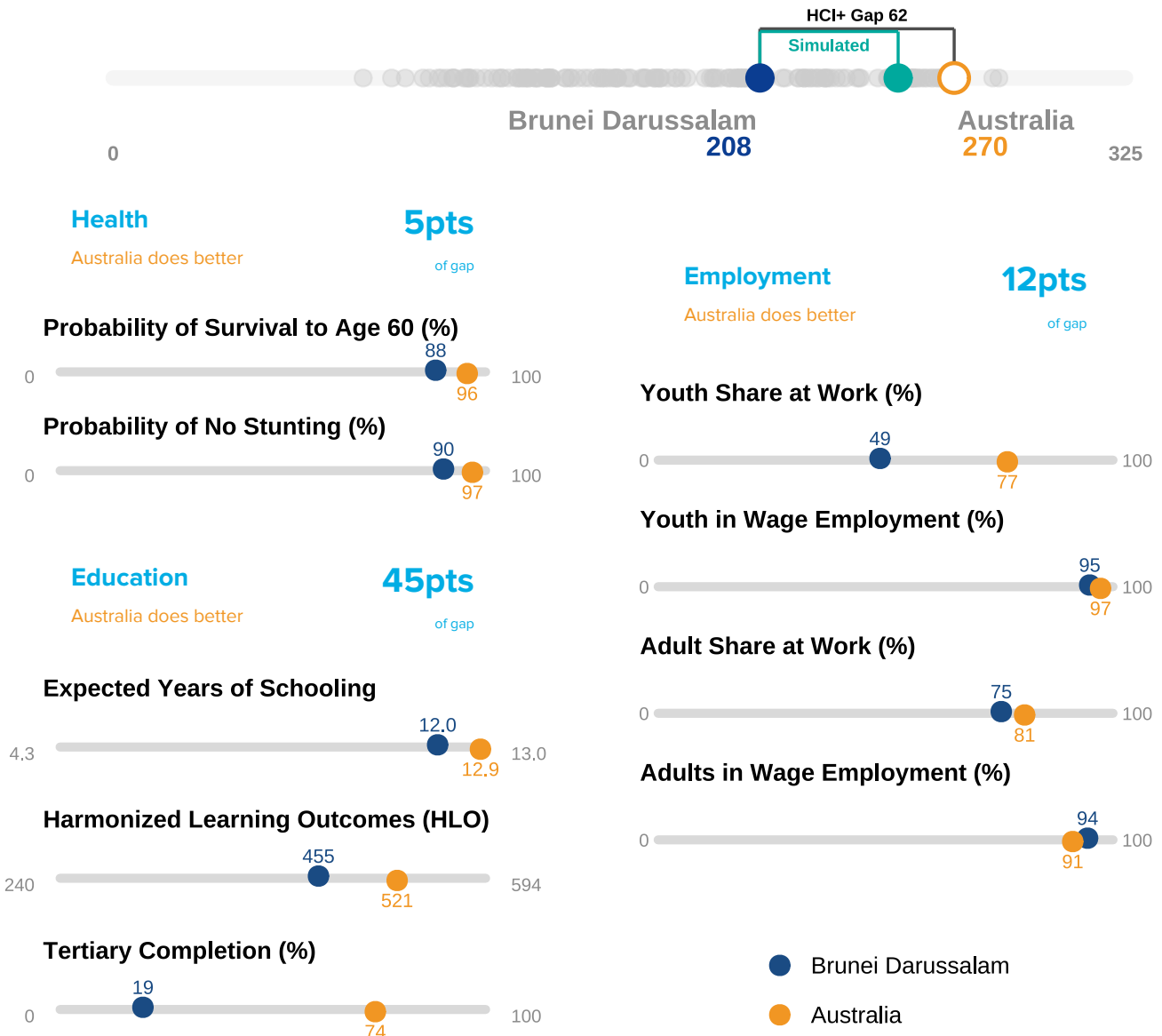


The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 46**, about the same as the **regional average of 46**.



## What indicators are responsible for Brunei Darussalam's HCI+ gap with Australia?

Brunei Darussalam's HCI+ score (208) is lower than Australia's (270). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Brunei Darussalam and Australia are **tertiary completion, Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), and youth share at work**. Raising these indicators to Australia's levels would increase Brunei Darussalam's score to **252**, boosting future income by approximately 44.9%.



## What is Brunei Darussalam's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Brunei Darussalam is 205** compared to **209 for men**. The 4-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 4% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Brunei Darussalam.



Note: All values are derived from internationally comparable public datasets.

