



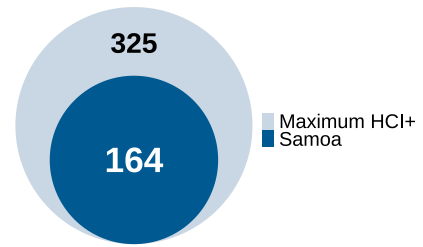
SAMOA

Region: East Asia & Pacific
Income Category: Upper-middle 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 **Samoa’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

What is Samoa’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

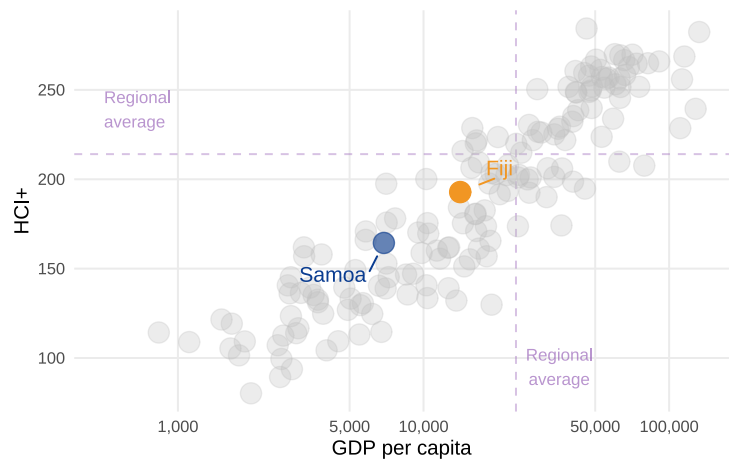
Samoa’s HCI+ score is **164** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in **health, education, and employment**. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 43%.



How does Samoa’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

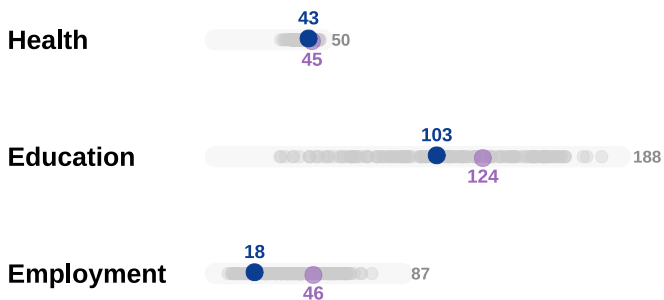
Samoa’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and lower than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (204)**.

Samoa’s HCI+ score is also **29 points lower than Fiji’s**.



What explains Samoa’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 43**, slightly lower than the **regional average of 45**.

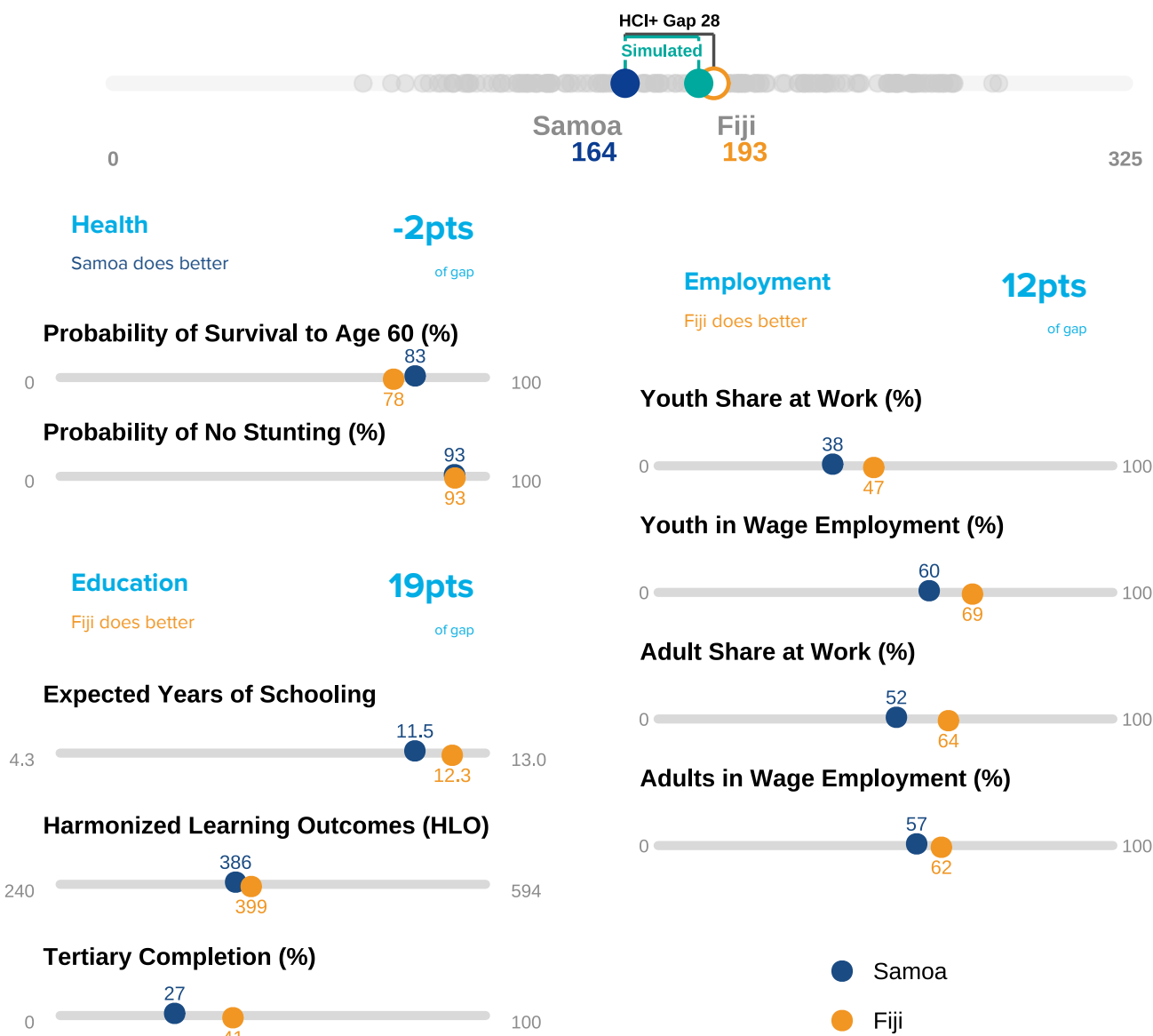
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 103**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 18**, lower than the **regional average of 46**.



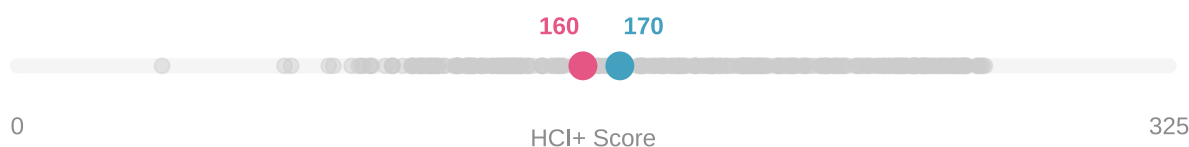
What indicators are responsible for Samoa's HCI+ gap with Fiji?

Samoa's HCI+ score (164) is lower than Fiji's (193). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Samoa and Fiji are **tertiary completion, adult share at work, and expected years of schooling**. Raising these indicators to Fiji's levels would increase Samoa's score to **188**, boosting future income by approximately 23.4%.



What is Samoa's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Samoa is 160** compared to **170 for men**. The 10-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 10% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Samoa.



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

