



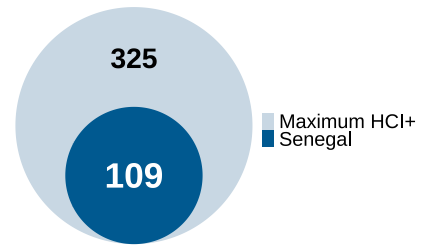
SENEGAL

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa
Income Category: Lower-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 **Senegal’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

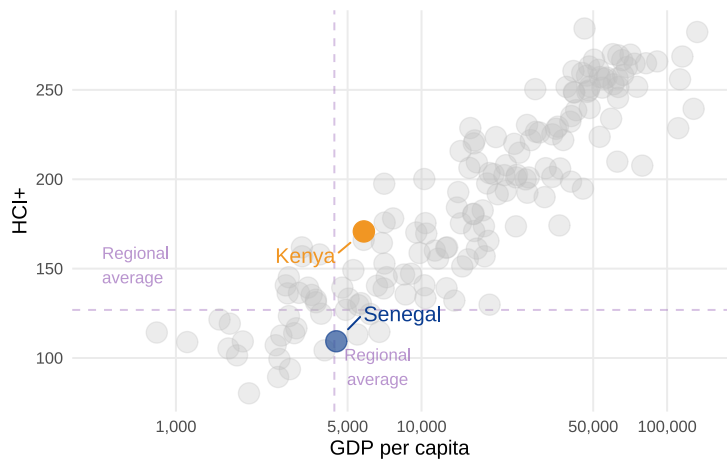
Senegal’s HCI+ score is **109** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in **health, education, and employment**. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 92%.



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

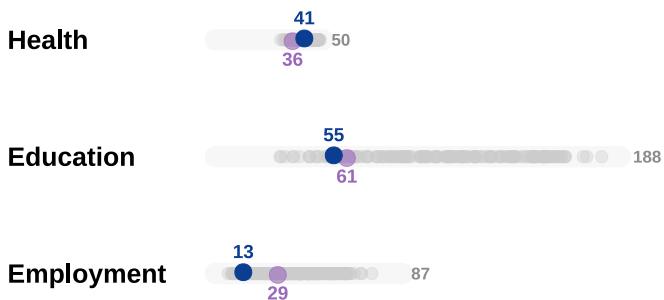
Senegal’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region (126)** and lower than the average for **lower-middle-income countries (153)**.

Among Senegal’s income level peers, **Kenya is the top performer in HCI+**.



What explains Senegal’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 41**, higher than the **regional average of 36**.

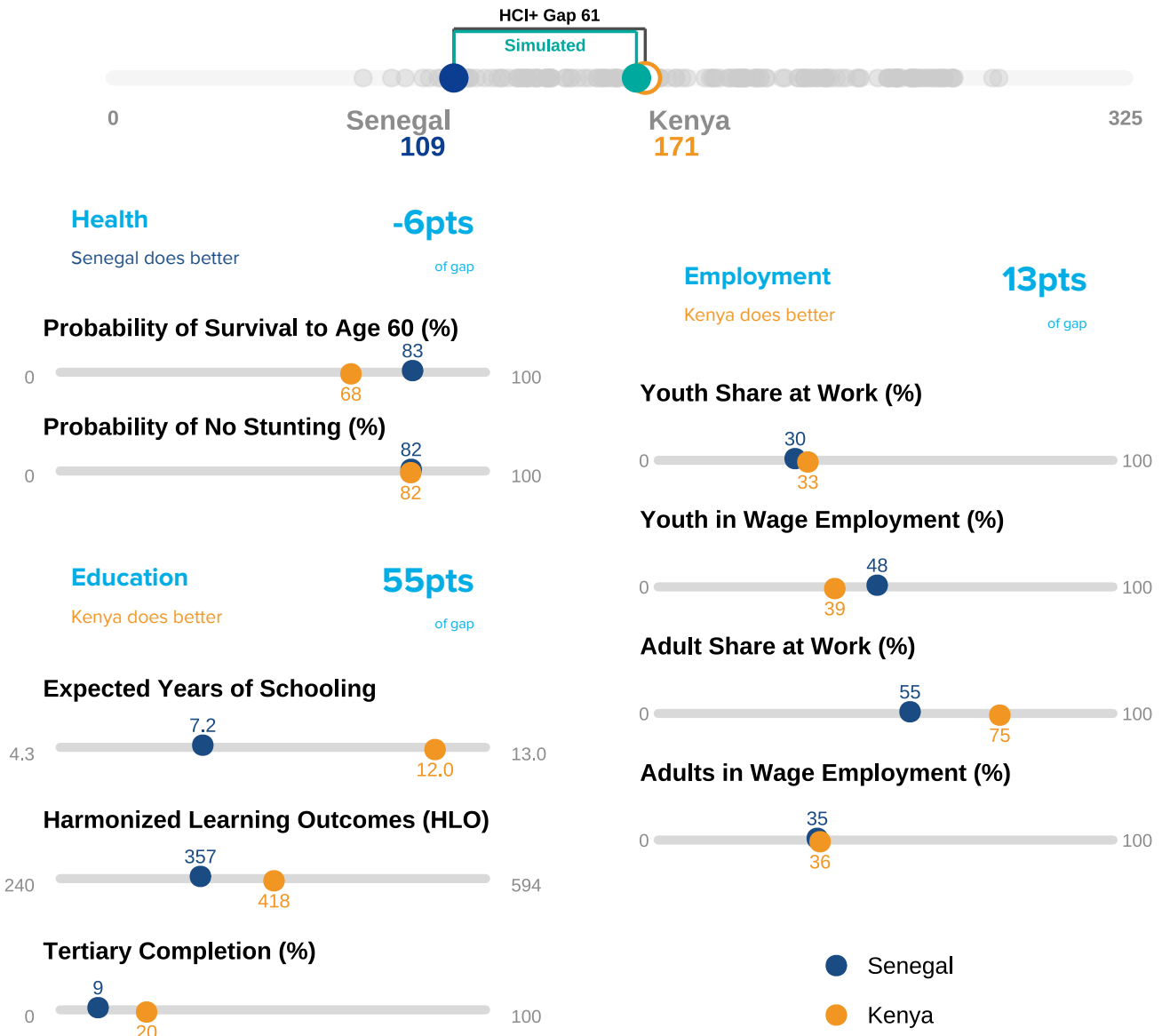
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 55**, lower than the **regional average of 61**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 13**, lower than the **regional average of 29**.



What indicators are responsible for Senegal’s HCI+ gap with Kenya?

Senegal’s HCI+ score (109) is lower than Kenya’s (171). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Senegal and Kenya are **expected years of schooling, adult share at work, and Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO)**. Raising these indicators to Kenya’s levels would increase Senegal’s score to **168**, boosting future income by approximately 59.1%.



What is Senegal’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Senegal is 97** compared to **124 for men**. The 27-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 27% lower than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Senegal.



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

