



KOSOVO

Region: Europe & Central Asia
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 **Kosovo’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

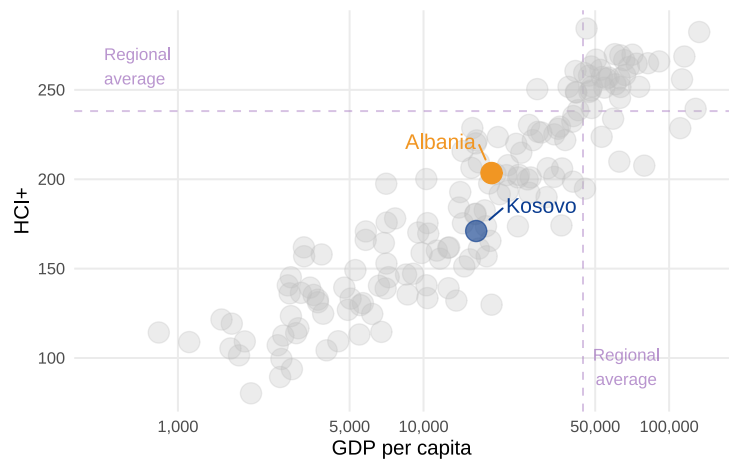
Kosovo’s HCI+ score is 171 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 81%.



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

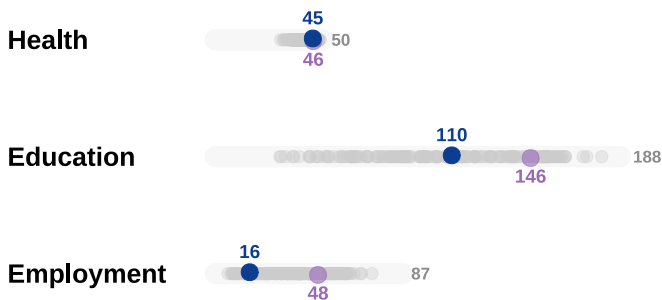
Kosovo’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Europe & Central Asia region (240)** and lower than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (204)**.

Kosovo’s HCI+ score is also **32 points lower than Albania’s**.



What explains Kosovo’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 45**, about the same as the **regional average of 46**.

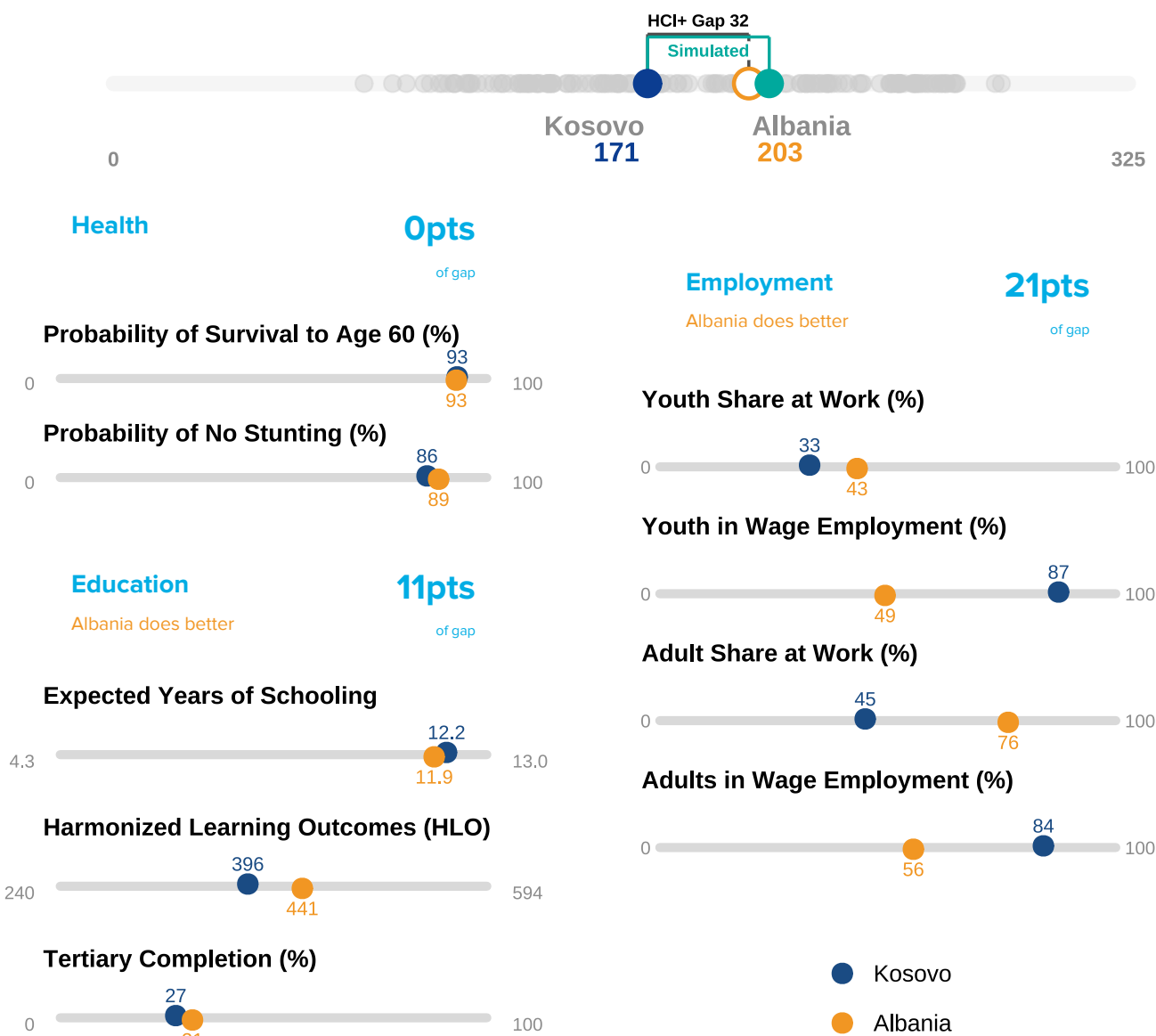
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 110**, lower than the **regional average of 146**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 16**, lower than the **regional average of 48**.



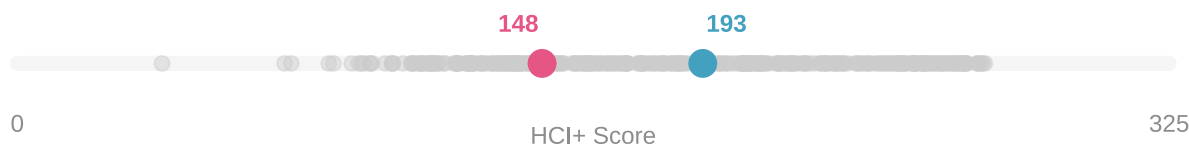
What indicators are responsible for Kosovo’s HCI+ gap with Albania?

Kosovo’s HCI+ score (171) is lower than Albania’s (203). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Kosovo and Albania are **adult share at work, Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), and youth share at work**. Raising these indicators to Albania’s levels would increase Kosovo’s score to 210, boosting future income by approximately 38.6%.



What is Kosovo’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for women in Kosovo is 148 compared to 193 for men. The 45-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 45% lower than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Kosovo.



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

