



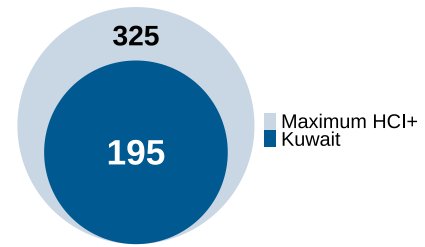
KUWAIT

Region: Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan & Pakistan
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 **Kuwait’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

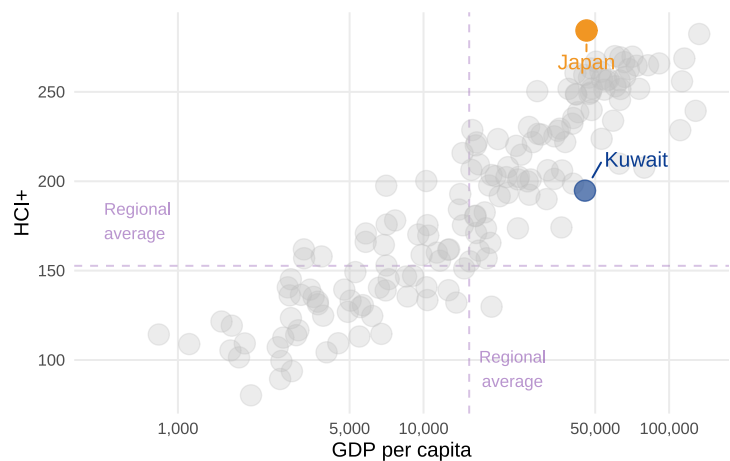
Kuwait’s HCI+ score is 195 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 115%.



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

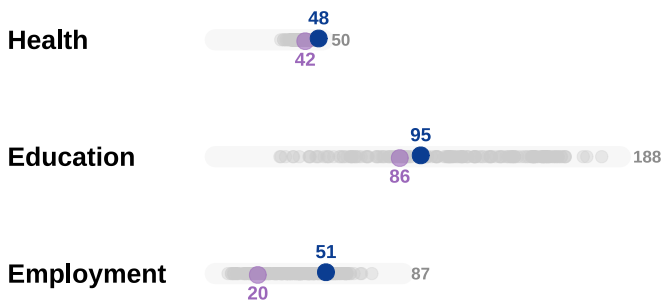
Kuwait’s HCI+ is higher than the average for the **Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan & Pakistan region (147)** and lower than the average for **high-income countries (254)**.

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



What explains Kuwait’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 48**, higher than the **regional average of 42**.

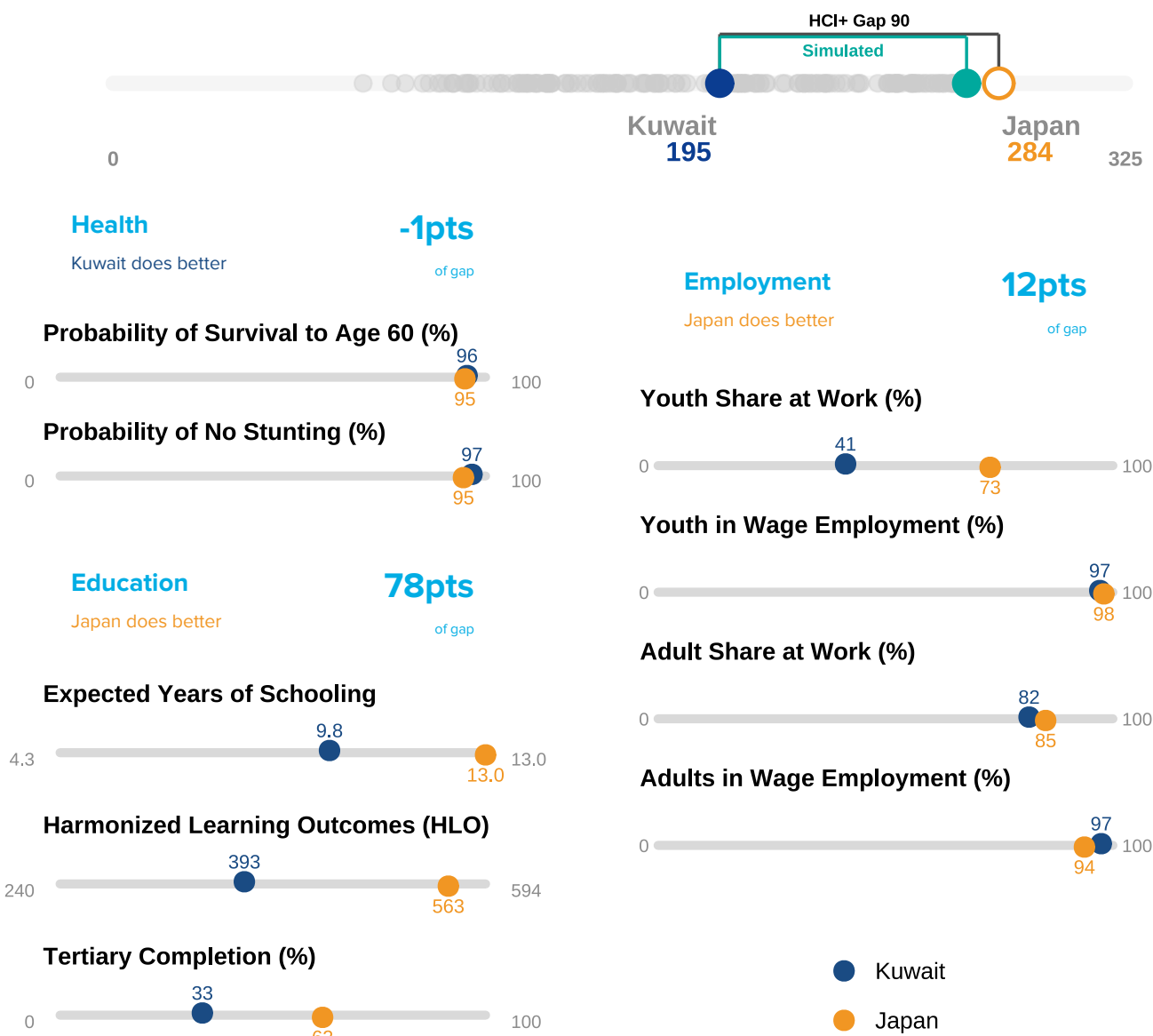
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 95**, higher than the **regional average of 86**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 51**, higher than the **regional average of 20**.



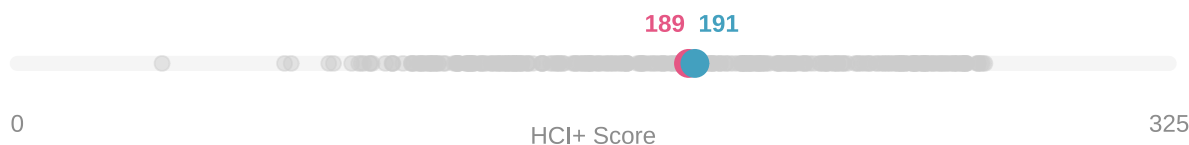
What indicators are responsible for Kuwait's HCI+ gap with Japan?

Kuwait's HCI+ score (195) is lower than Japan's (284). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Kuwait and Japan are **Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), expected years of schooling, and tertiary completion**. Raising these indicators to Japan's levels would increase Kuwait's score to 274, boosting future income by approximately 79.3%.



What is Kuwait's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for women in Kuwait is 189 compared to 191 for men. The 2-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 2% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Kuwait.



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

