



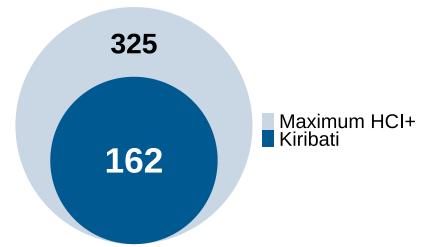
KIRIBATI

Region: East Asia & Pacific
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 **Kiribati’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

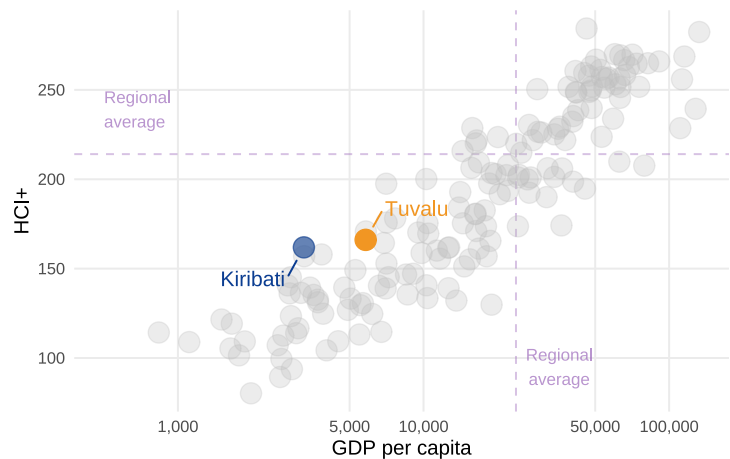
Kiribati’s HCI+ score is 162 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 27%.



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

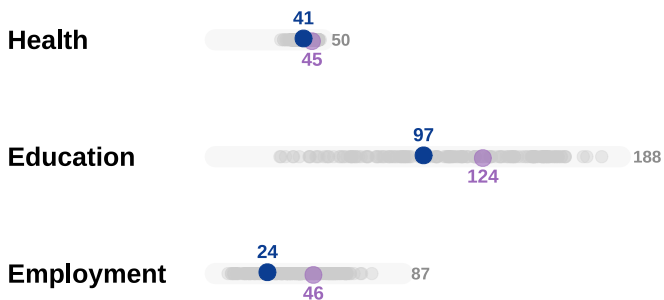
Kiribati’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and higher than the average for **lower-middle-income countries (153)**.

Kiribati’s HCI+ score is also **4 points lower than Tuvalu’s**.



What explains Kiribati’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 41**, slightly lower than the **regional average of 45**.

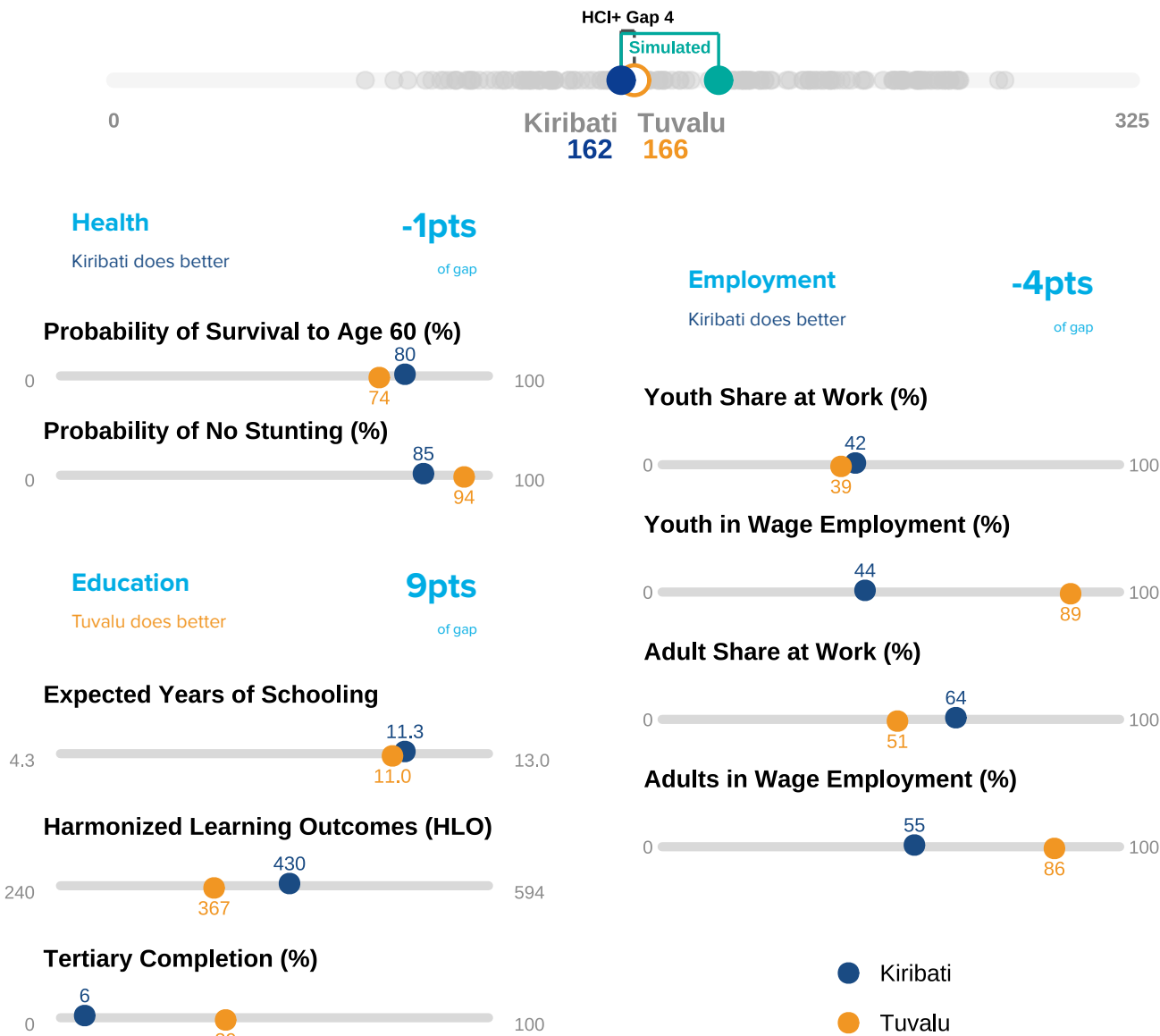
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 97**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 24**, lower than the **regional average of 46**.



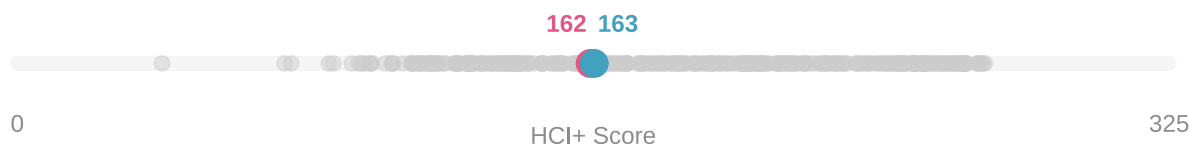
What indicators are responsible for Kiribati’s HCI+ gap with Tuvalu?

Kiribati’s HCI+ score (162) is lower than Tuvalu’s (166). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Kiribati and Tuvalu are **tertiary completion, adult in wage employment, and youth in wage employment**. Raising these indicators to Tuvalu’s levels would increase Kiribati’s score to **193**, boosting future income by approximately 30.7%.



What is Kiribati’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Kiribati is 162** compared to **163 for men**. The 1-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 1% lower than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Kiribati.



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

