



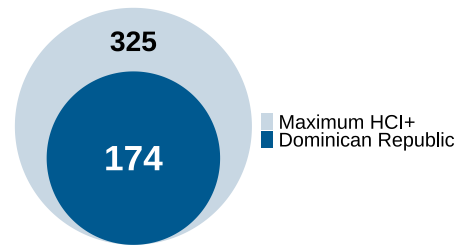
# DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Region: Latin America & Caribbean  
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 **Dominican Republic’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

## What is Dominican Republic’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

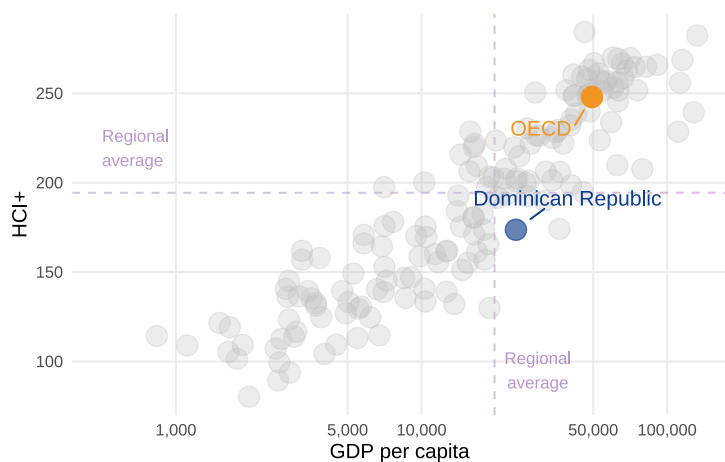
Dominican Republic’s HCI+ score is **174** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 99%.



## How does Dominican Republic’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

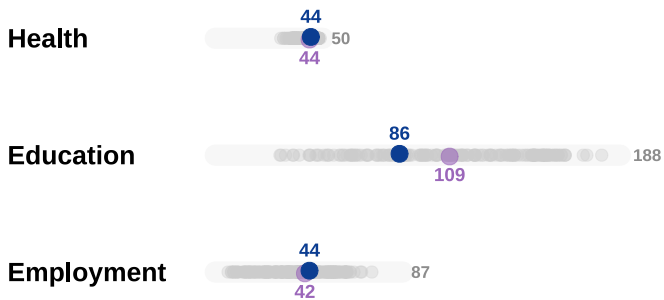
Dominican Republic’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Latin America & Caribbean region (194)** and lower than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (204)**.

Dominican Republic’s HCI+ score is also **74 points lower than the OECD average**.



## What explains Dominican Republic’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 44**, about the same as the **regional average of 44**.

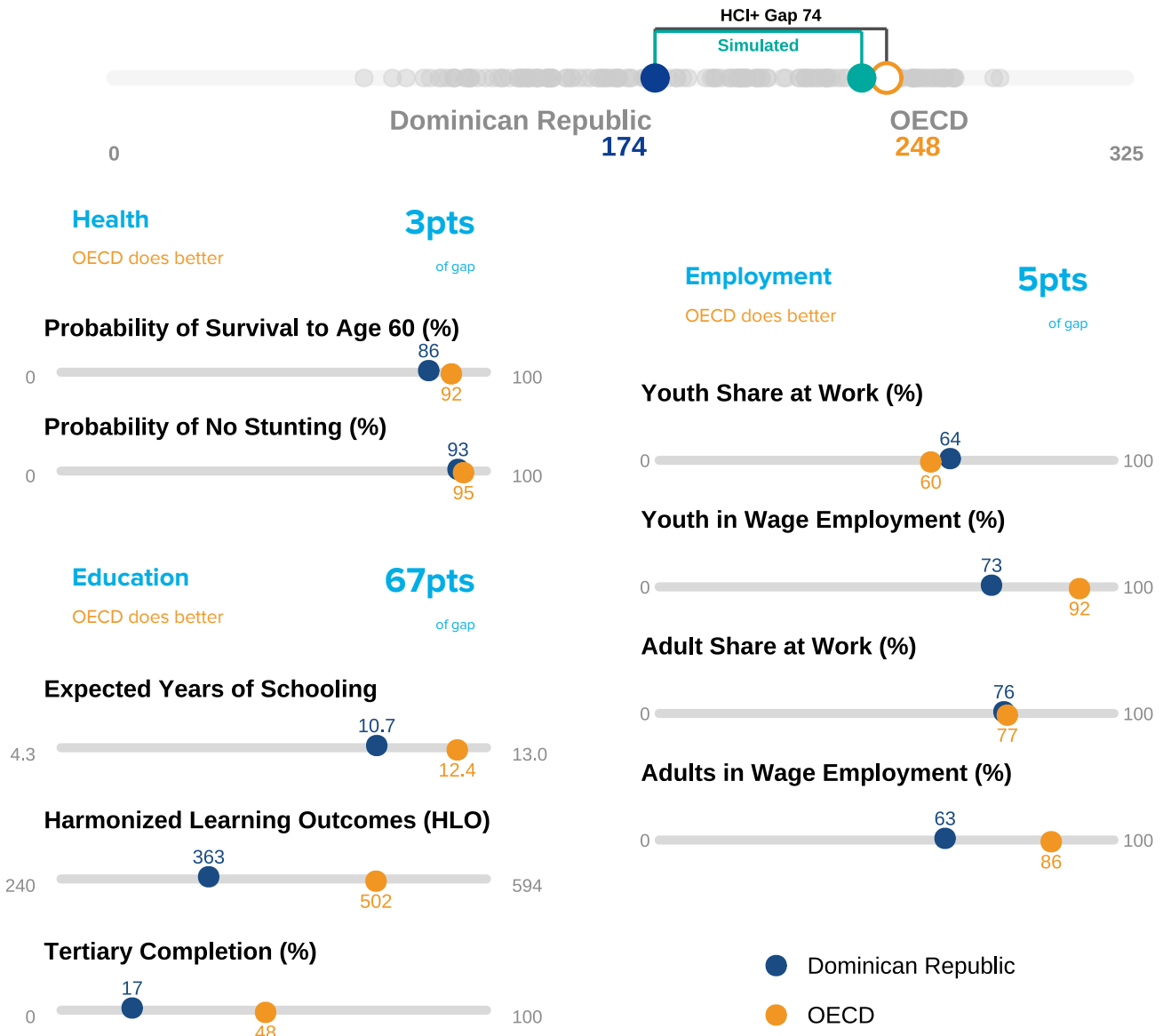
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 86**, lower than the **regional average of 109**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 44**, slightly higher than the **regional average of 42**.



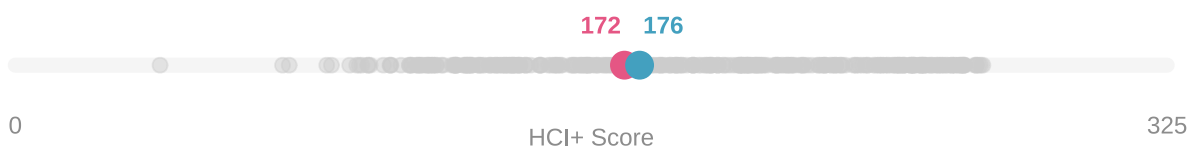
## What indicators are responsible for Dominican Republic's HCI+ gap with OECD?

Dominican Republic's HCI+ score (174) is lower than the OECD average (248). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Dominican Republic and the OECD are **Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), tertiary completion, and expected years of schooling**. Raising these indicators to OECD levels would increase Dominican Republic's score to 240, boosting future income by approximately 66.4%.



## What is Dominican Republic's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Dominican Republic is 172** compared to **176 for men**. The 4-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 4% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Dominican Republic.



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

