



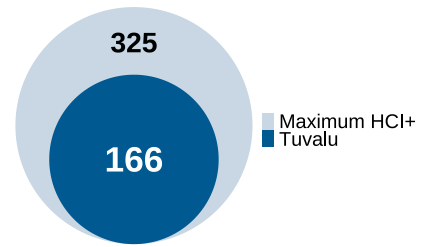
TUVALU

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

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

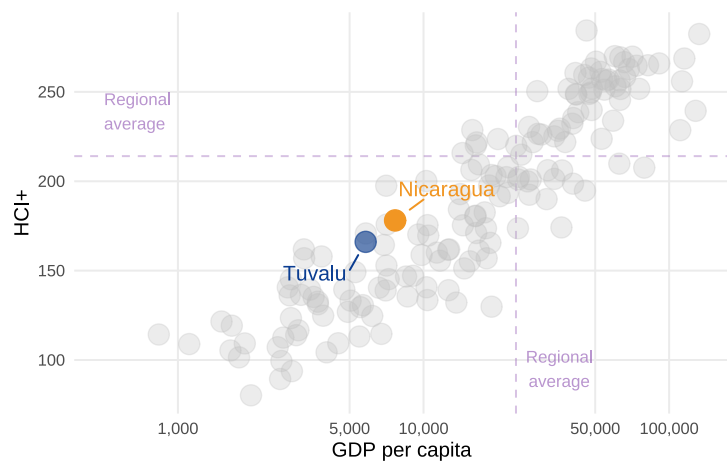
Tuvalu’s HCI+ score is **166** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in **health, education, and employment**. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 45%.



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

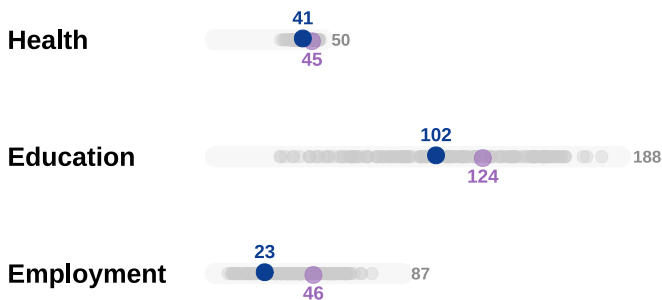
Tuvalu’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and lower than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (204)**.

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



What explains Tuvalu’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**.

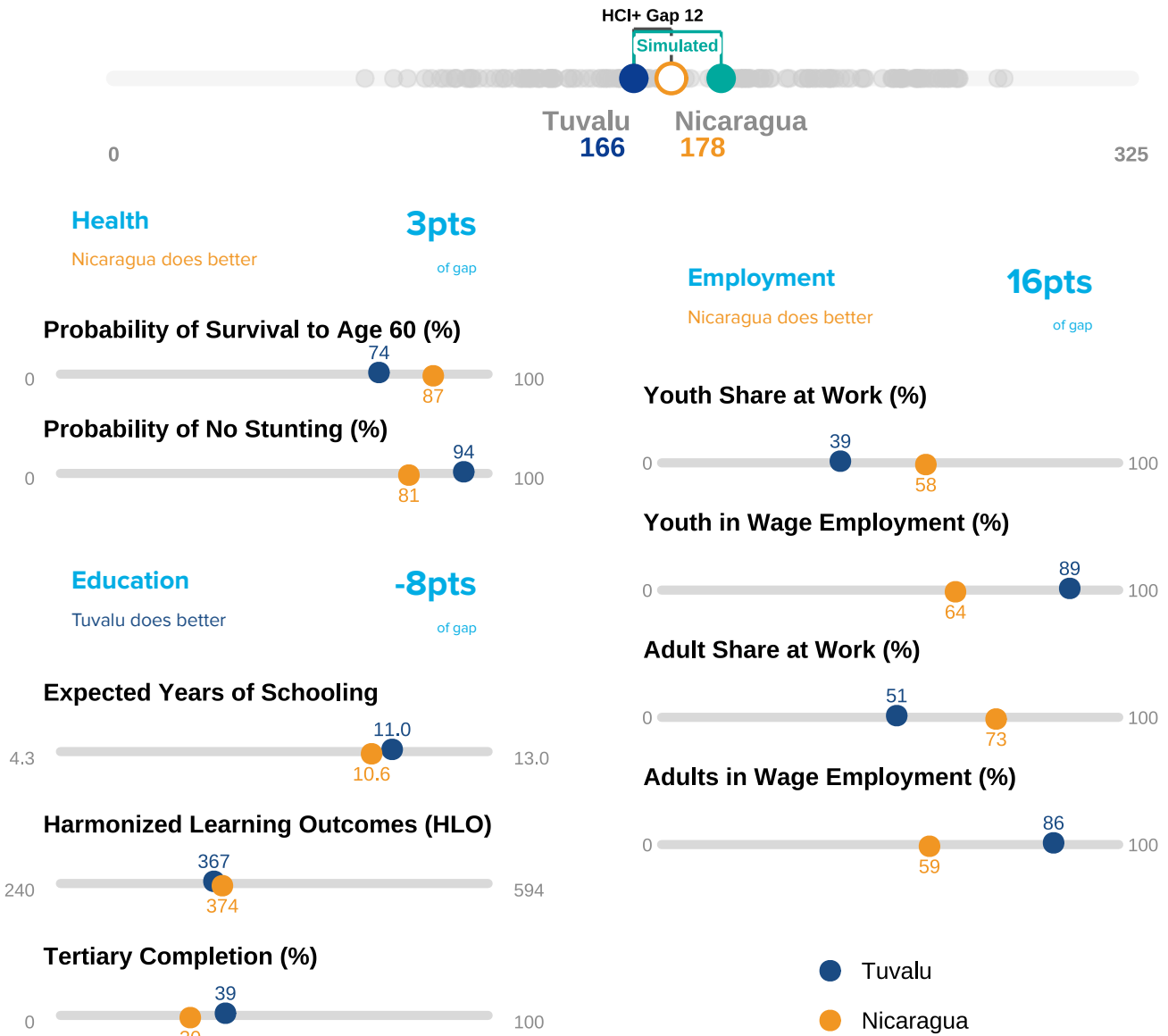
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 102**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 23**, lower than the **regional average of 46**.



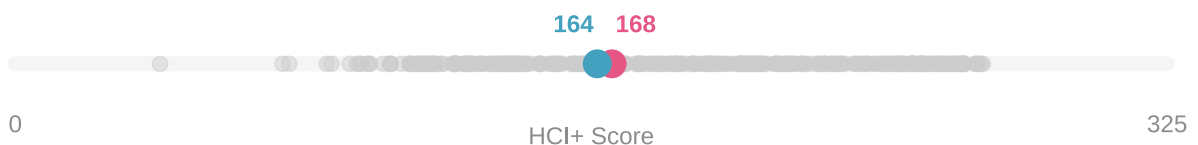
What indicators are responsible for Tuvalu’s HCI+ gap with Nicaragua?

Tuvalu’s HCI+ score (166) is lower than Nicaragua’s (178). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Tuvalu and Nicaragua are **adult share at work, youth share at work, and probability of survival to age 60**. Raising these indicators to Nicaragua’s levels would increase Tuvalu’s score to **194**, boosting future income by approximately 28.1%.



What is Tuvalu’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Tuvalu is 168** compared to **164 for men**. The 4-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 4% higher than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Tuvalu.



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

