



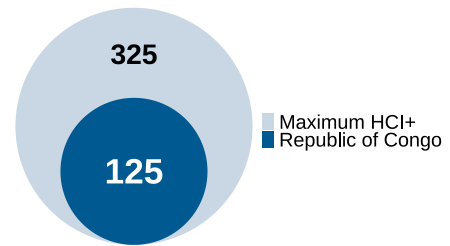
# REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa  
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 **Republic of Congo’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

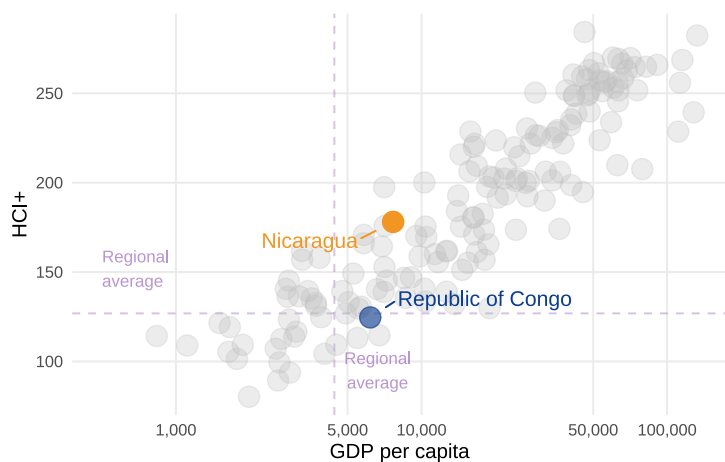
Republic of Congo’s HCI+ score is **125** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 86%.



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

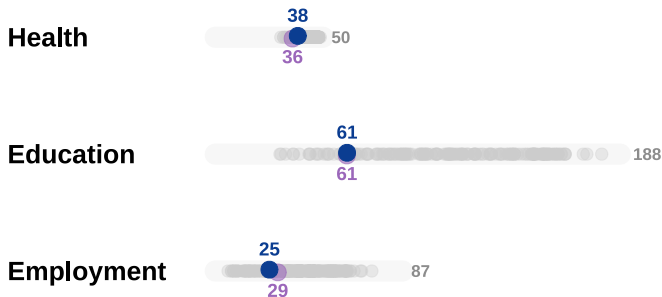
Republic of Congo’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region (126)** and lower than the average for **lower-middle-income countries (153)**.

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



## What explains Republic of Congo’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 38**, slightly higher than the **regional average of 36**.

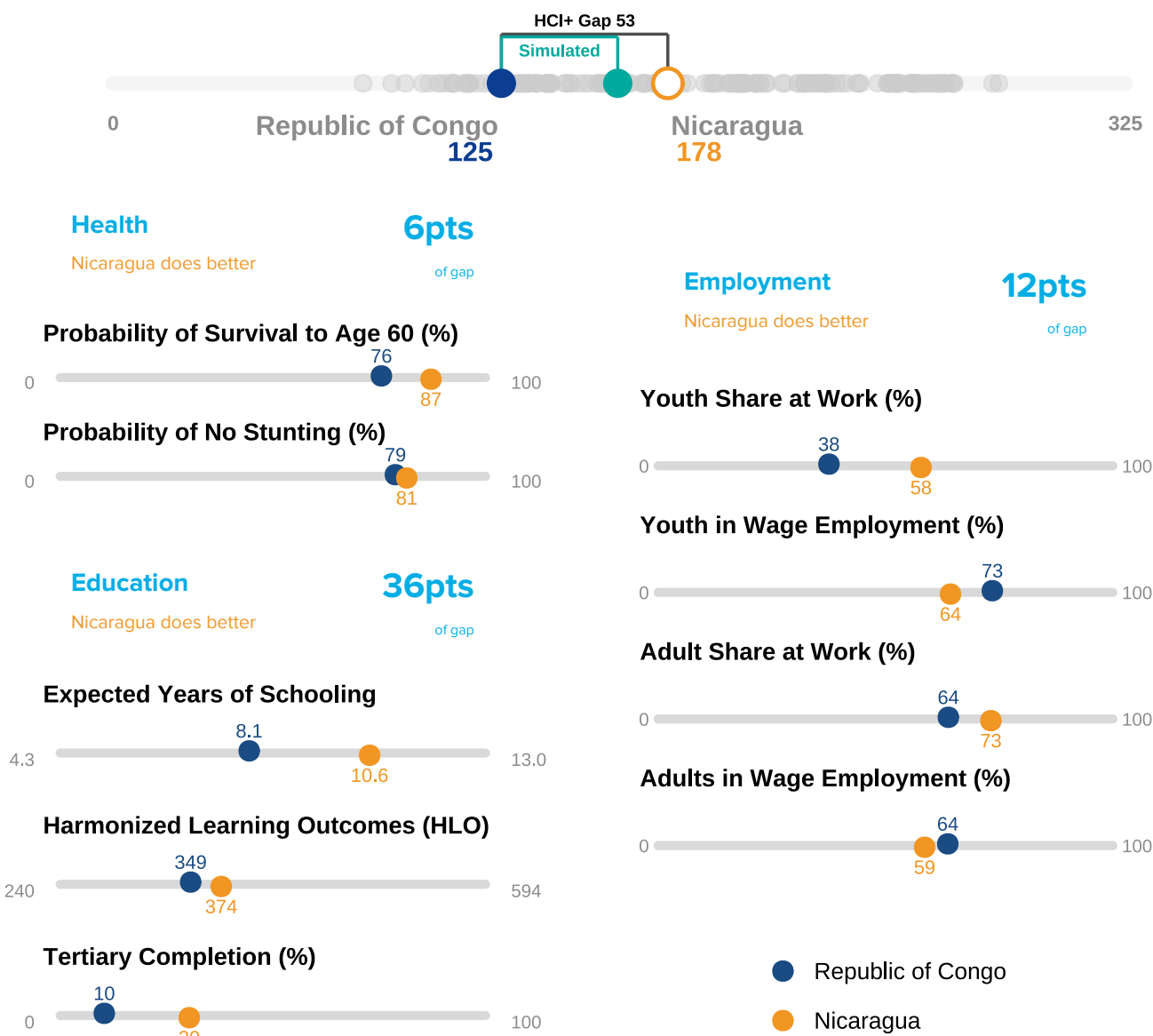
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 61**, about the same as the **regional average of 61**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 25**, slightly lower than the **regional average of 29**.



## What indicators are responsible for Republic of Congo's HCI+ gap with Nicaragua?

Republic of Congo's HCI+ score (125) is lower than Nicaragua's (178). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Republic of Congo and Nicaragua are **expected years of schooling, tertiary completion, and youth share at work**. Raising these indicators to Nicaragua's levels would increase Republic of Congo's score to **162**, boosting future income by approximately 37.7%.



## What is Republic of Congo's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Republic of Congo is 131** compared to **129 for men**. The 2-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 2% higher than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Republic of Congo.



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

