

Region: Europe and Central Asia Income Category: Upper Middle Income

Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by Kosovo in building and using human capital. This page presents the Human Capital Index (HCI), its components parts, and relevant benchmarks. The HCI quantifies how underinvestment in education and health for today's children reduces future incomes. Data are the most recently available as of 2020. The back page presents a set of Human Capital Complementary Indicators (HCCI) that shows progress at each stage of the lifecycle.

THE HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX

A child born in Kosovo will be 57% as productive when she grows up as she could be if she enjoyed complete education and full health.

This is lower than the average for the Europe & Central Asia region (69%) but slightly higher than for Upper Middle Income countries (56%).

THE HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX COMPONENTS

- Probability of Survival to Age 5. Of every 100 children born in Kosovo, **99** survive to age 5.
- Expected Years of School. In Kosovo, a child who starts school at age 4 can expect to complete 13.2 years of school by her 18th birthday.
- Learning-Adjusted Years of School. Factoring in what children actually learn, expected years of school is 7.9 years.
- Average Harmonized Test Scores. Students in Kosovo score 374 on a scale where 625 represents advanced attainment and 300 represents minimum attainment.
- Adult Survival Rate. Across Kosovo, 91% of 15-year-olds survive until age 60.
- Fraction of Children Under 5 Not Stunted. Internationally comparable data on stunting are not available for Kosovo.

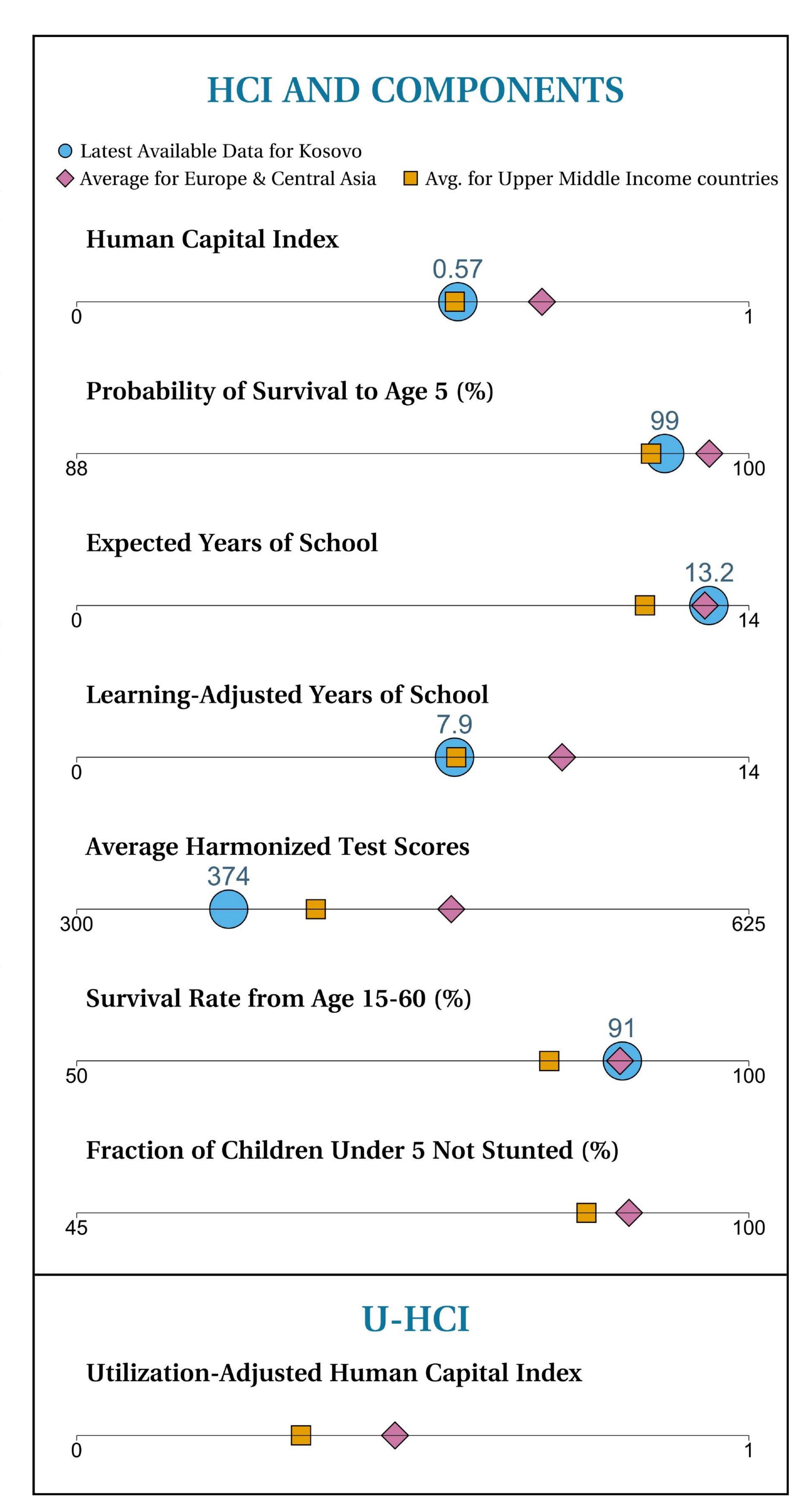
UTILIZATION-ADJUSTED HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX

The Utilization-adjusted Human Capital Index (U-HCI) scales down the HCI by taking into account how many adults are not employed. The data on the utilization-adjusted human capital index are not available for Kosovo. The regional average for this indicator is **0.47** and the income group average is **0.33**.

Gender differences in Human Capital and Utilization

	Boys	Girls	Overall
Human Capital Index Utilization-Adjusted HCI	0.55	0.58	0.57

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The Human Capital Complementary Indicators (HCCIs) offer a snapshot of human capital investments at four stages of the lifecycle. The figures show the latest available data, benchmarked against regional averages. The figures also report progress over the previous 5 years.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is **7** per 1,000 live births (2021), compared to 10 in 2016. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Postnatal care for newborns.** In 2020, **98**% of newborns had postnatal contact with health providers during their first two days of life. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Minimum meal frequency.** Internationally comparable data on this indicator is not available for Kosovo. The regional average for this indicator is 68%.

SCHOOL AGE

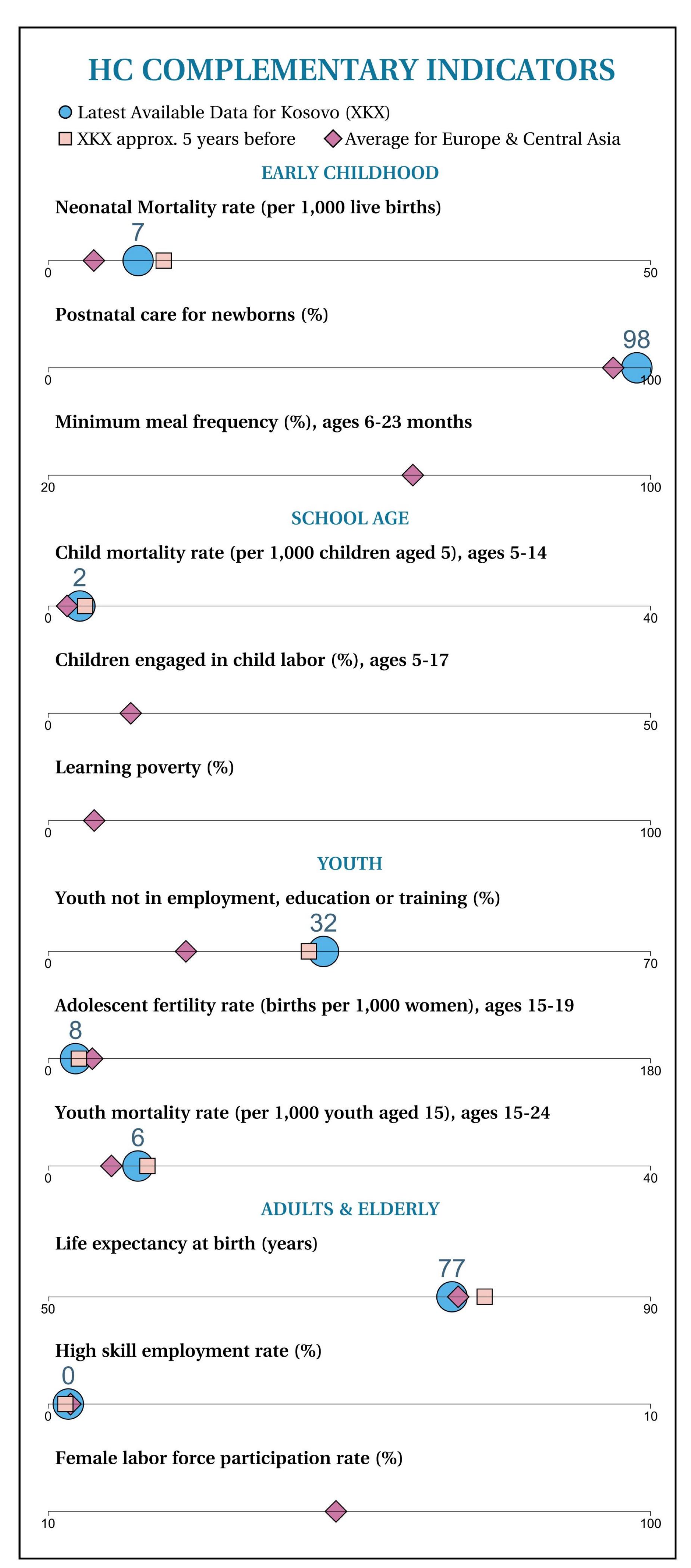
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **2** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2021). This remains unchanged since 2016. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Children engaged in child labor.** Internationally comparable data on this indicator is not available for Kosovo. The regional average for this indicator is 7%.
- **Learning poverty.** Internationally comparable data on this indicator is not available for Kosovo. The regional average for this indicator is 8%.

YOUTH

- Youth not in employment, education or training. In 2021, 32% of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 30% in 2016. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **8** (2021), compared to 9 in 2016. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Youth mortality rate.** The mortality rate of youth ages 15–24 is **6** per 1,000 youth aged 15 (2021), compared to 7 in 2016. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS & ELDERLY

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **77** years (2021), compared to 79 in 2016. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **High skill employment rate.** In 2021, **0**% of employed adults worked in high-skilled occupations. This remains unchanged since 2016. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Female labor force participation rate.** Internationally comparable data on this indicator is not available for Kosovo. The regional average for this indicator is 53%.



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