



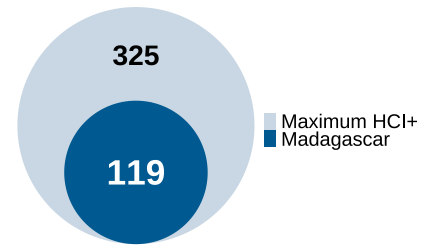
# MADAGASCAR

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa  
Income Category: Low 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 **Madagascar’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

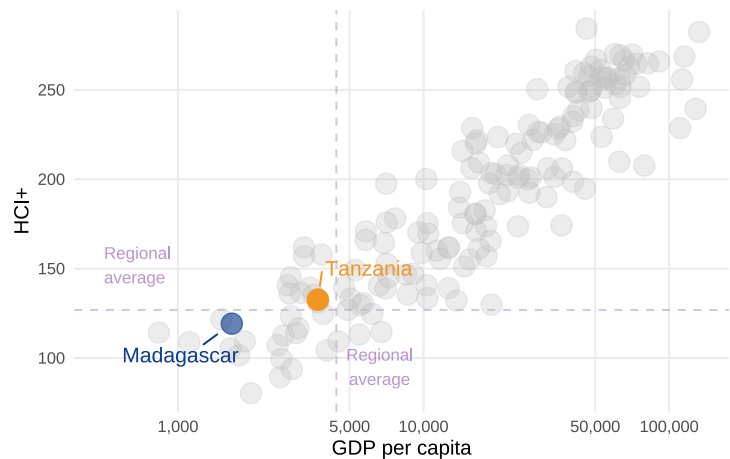
**Madagascar’s HCI+ score is 119 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment.** A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 34%.



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

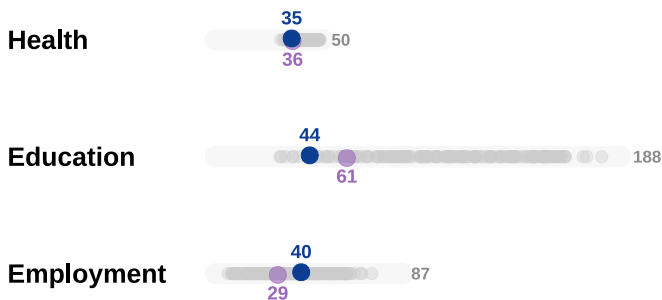
Madagascar’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region (126)** and higher than the average for **low-income countries (116)**.

Madagascar’s HCI+ score is also **14 points lower than Tanzania’s.**



## What explains Madagascar’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 35**, about the same as the **regional average of 36**.

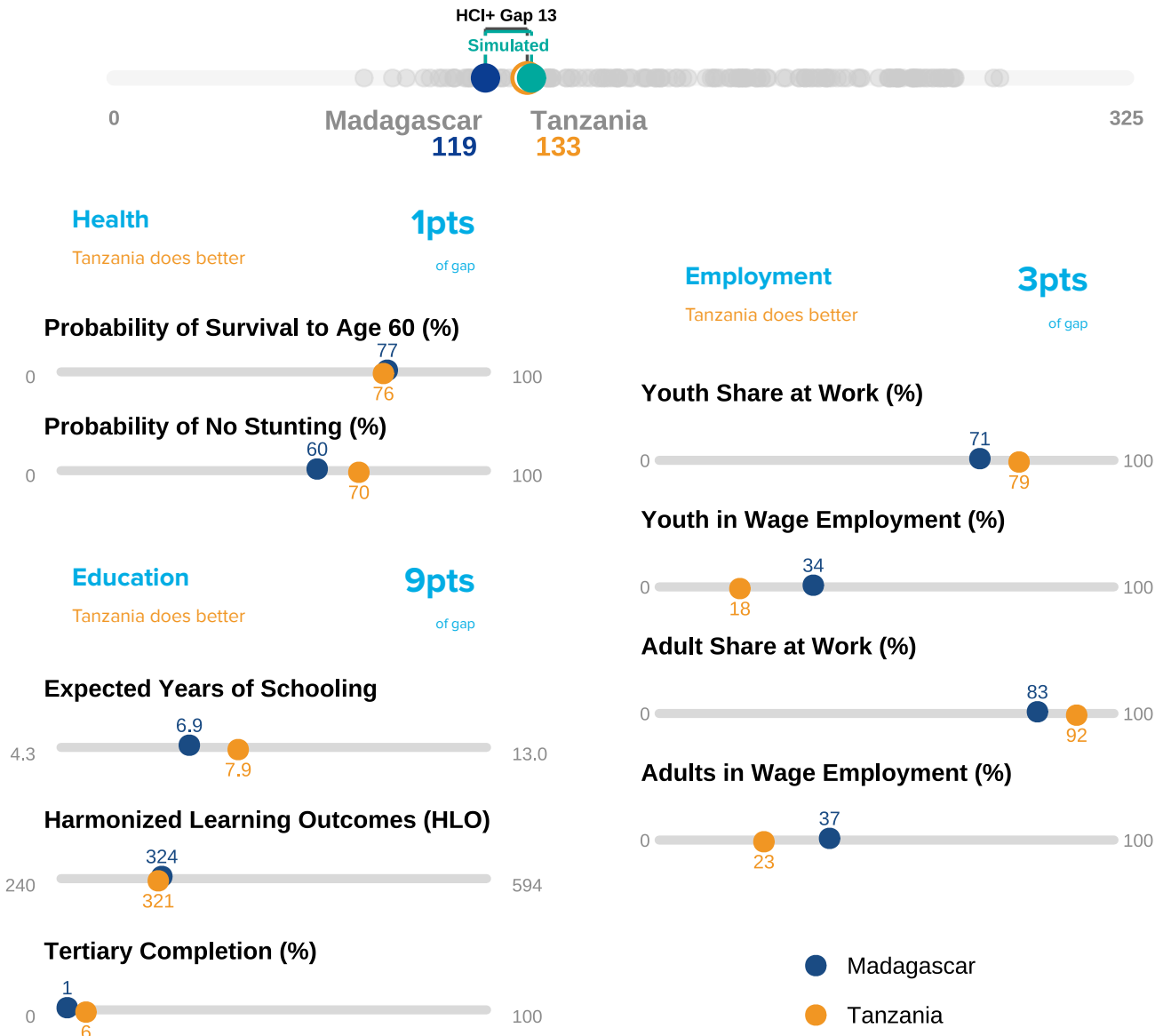
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 44**, lower than the **regional average of 61**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 40**, higher than the **regional average of 29**.



## What indicators are responsible for Madagascar's HCI+ gap with Tanzania?

Madagascar's HCI+ score (119) is lower than Tanzania's (133). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Madagascar and Tanzania are **expected years of schooling, adult share at work, and tertiary completion**. Raising these indicators to Tanzania's levels would increase Madagascar's score to 134, boosting future income by approximately 14.8%.



## What is Madagascar's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Madagascar is 115** compared to **124 for men**. The 9-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 9% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Madagascar.



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

