



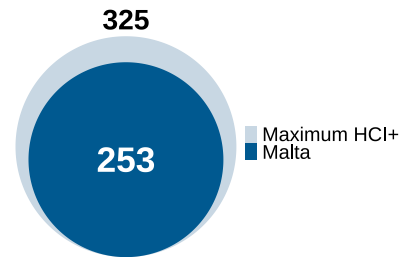
MALTA

Region: Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan & Pakistan
Income Category: High 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 **Malta’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

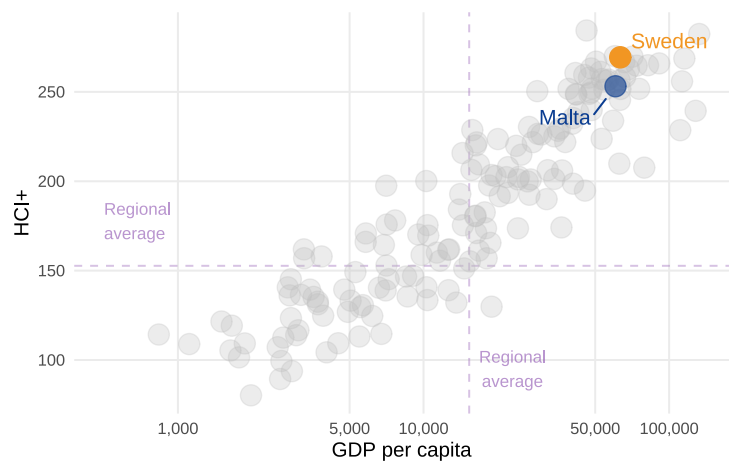
Malta’s HCI+ score is **253** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in **health, education, and employment**. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 31%.



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

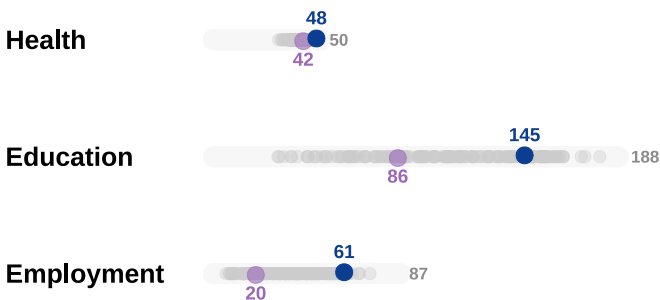
Malta’s HCI+ is higher than the average for the **Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan & Pakistan region (147)** and lower than the average for **high-income countries (254)**.

Malta’s HCI+ score is also **16 points lower than Sweden’s**.



What explains Malta’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 48**, higher than the **regional average of 42**.

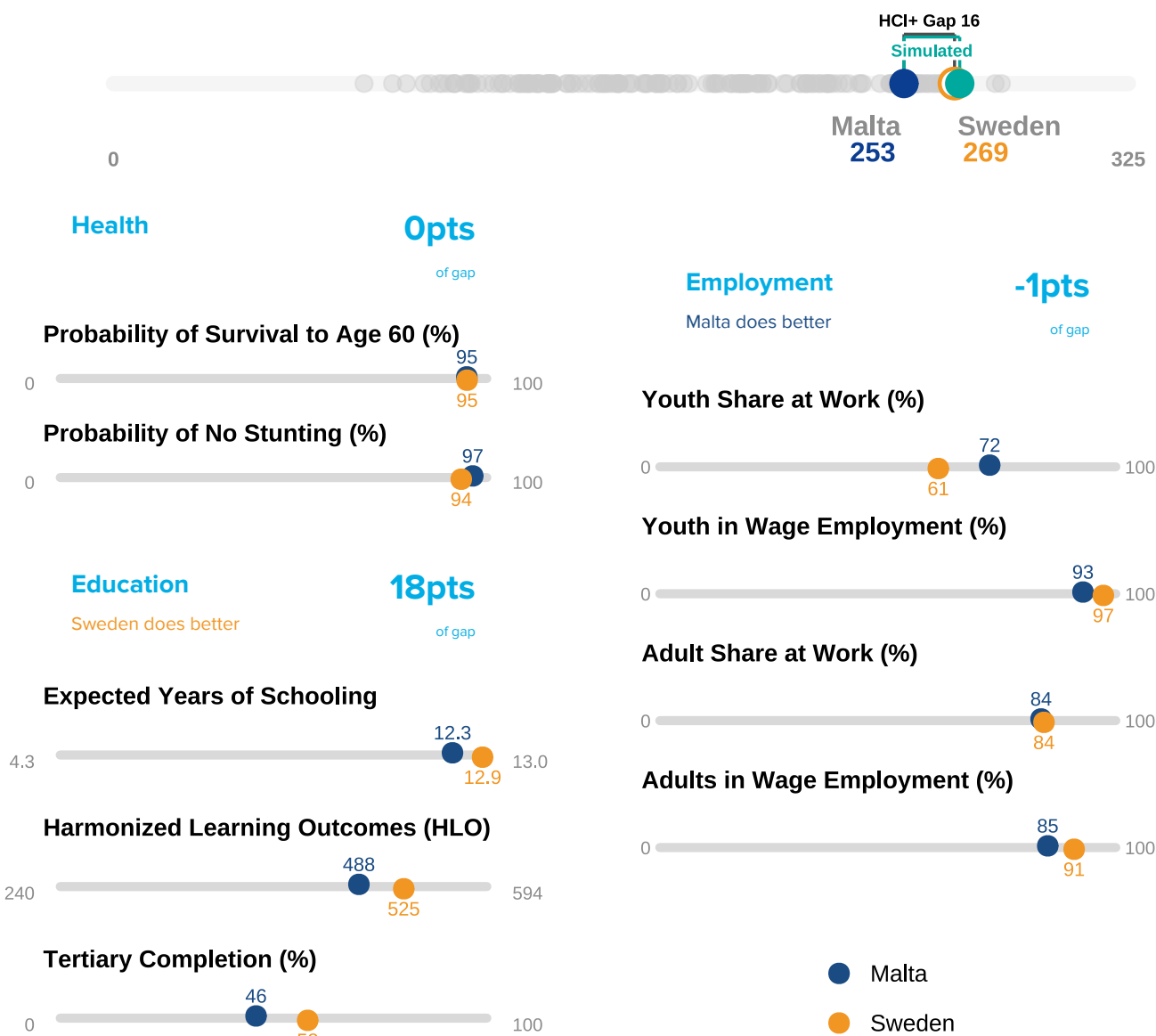
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 145**, higher than the **regional average of 86**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 61**, higher than the **regional average of 20**.



What indicators are responsible for Malta's HCI+ gap with Sweden?

Malta's HCI+ score (253) is lower than Sweden's (269). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Malta and Sweden are **Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), expected years of schooling, and tertiary completion**. Raising these indicators to Sweden's levels would increase Malta's score to 271, boosting future income by approximately 17.6%.



What is Malta's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Malta is 251** compared to **253 for men**. The 2-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 2% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Malta.



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

