



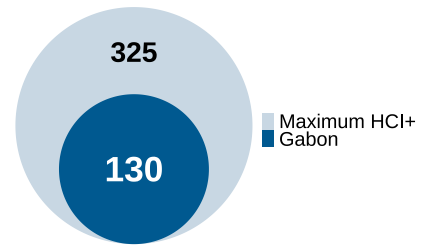
GABON

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

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

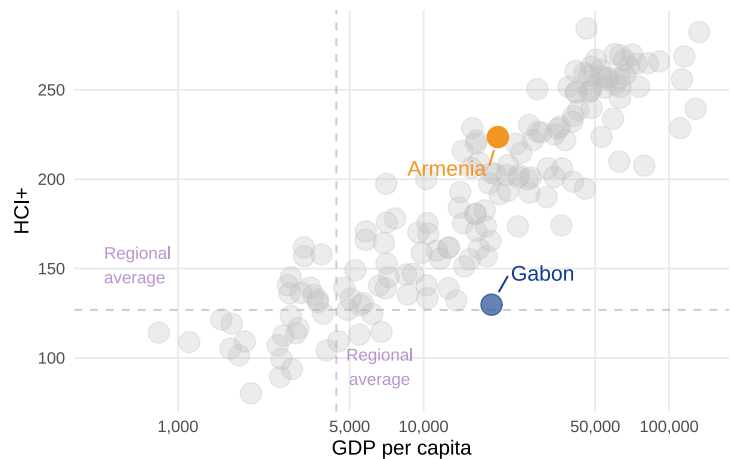
Gabon’s HCI+ score is 130 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 174%.



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

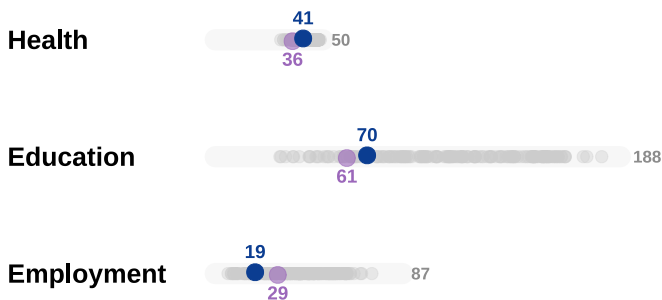
Gabon’s HCI+ is higher than the average for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region (126)** and lower than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (205)**.

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



What explains Gabon’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 41**, slightly higher than the **regional average of 36**.

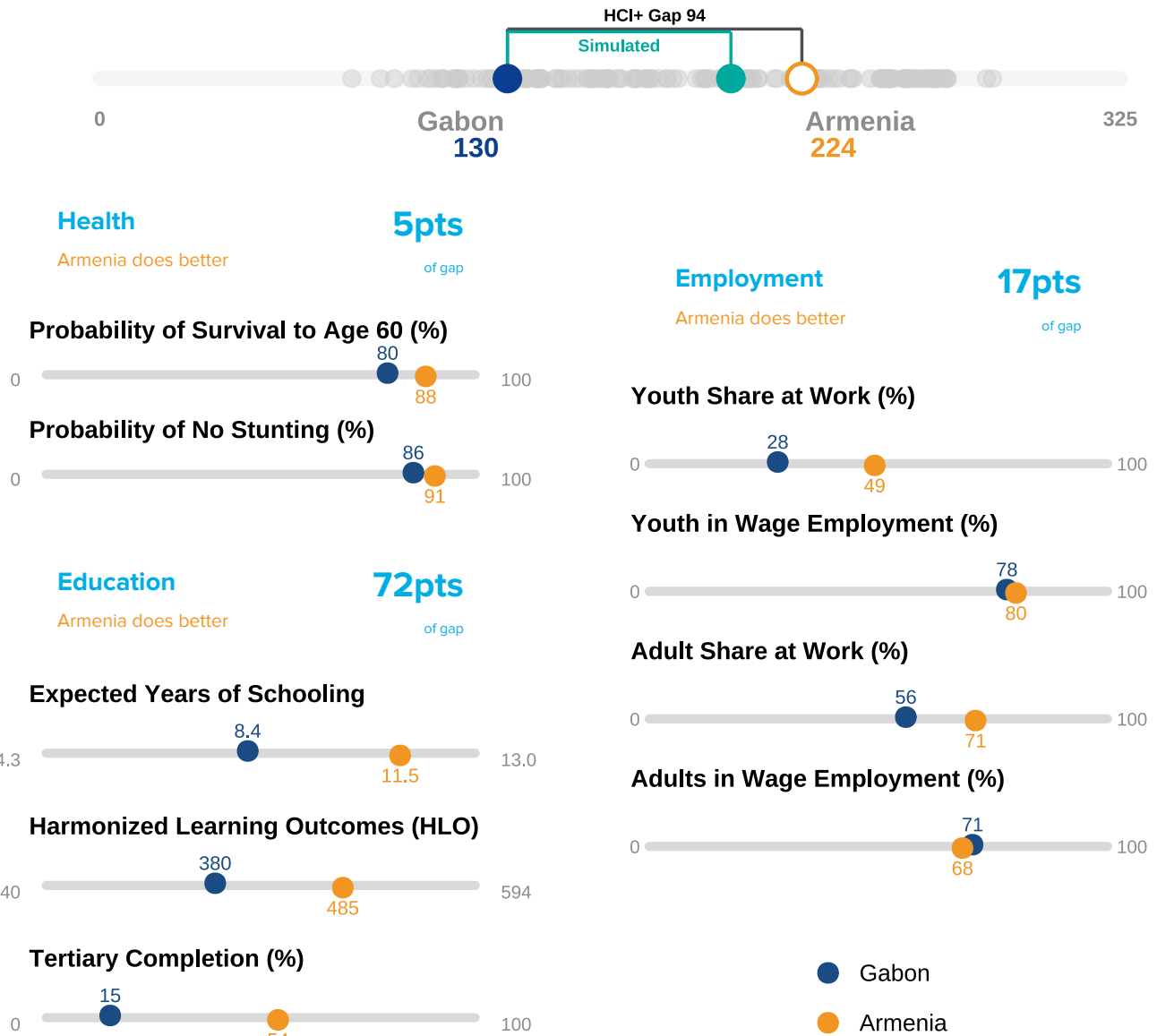
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 70**, higher than the **regional average of 61**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 19**, lower than the **regional average of 29**.



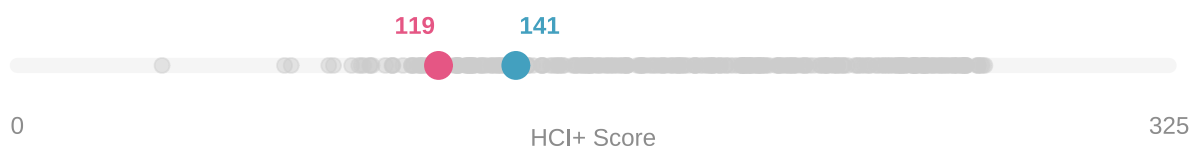
What indicators are responsible for Gabon’s HCI+ gap with Armenia?

Gabon’s HCI+ score (130) is lower than Armenia’s (224). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Gabon and Armenia are **tertiary completion, expected years of schooling, and Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO)**. Raising these indicators to Armenia’s levels would increase Gabon’s score to 201, boosting future income by approximately 71.7%.



What is Gabon’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Gabon is 119** compared to **141 for men**. The 22-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 22% lower than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Gabon.



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

