



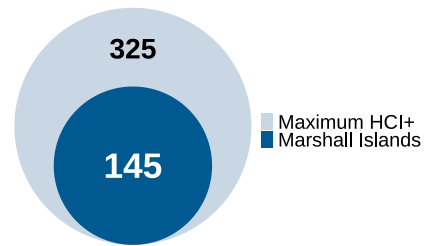
# MARSHALL ISLANDS

Region: East Asia & Pacific  
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 **Marshall Islands’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

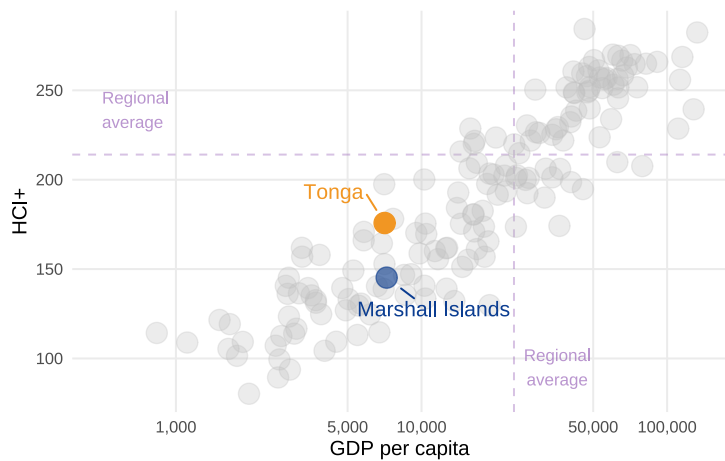
Marshall Islands’s HCI+ score is **145** (out of a maximum of **325**), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 69%.



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

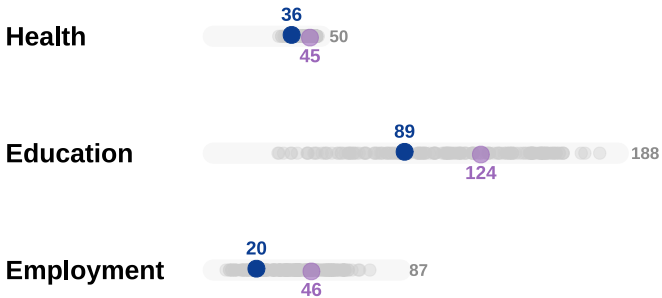
Marshall Islands’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **East Asia & Pacific region (215)** and lower than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (205)**.

Marshall Islands’s HCI+ score is also **31 points lower than Tonga’s**.



## What explains Marshall Islands’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 36**, lower than the **regional average of 45**.

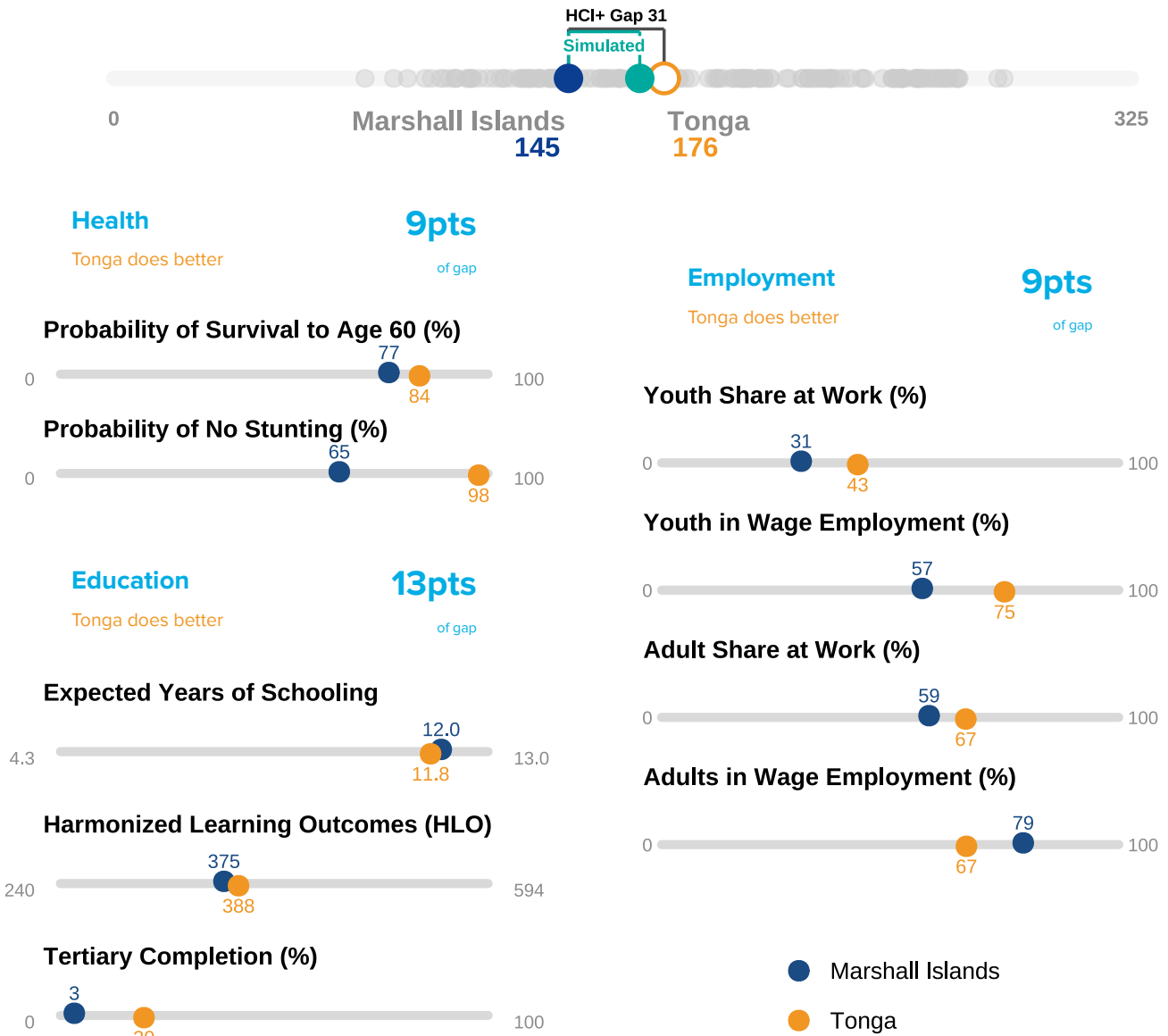
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 89**, lower than the **regional average of 124**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 20**, lower than the **regional average of 46**.



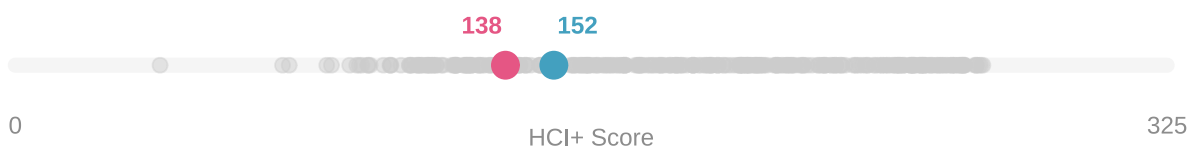
## What indicators are responsible for Marshall Islands's HCI+ gap with Tonga?

Marshall Islands's HCI+ score (145) is lower than Tonga's (176). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Marshall Islands and Tonga are **tertiary completion, adult share at work, and probability of no stunting**. Raising these indicators to Tonga's levels would increase Marshall Islands's score to **168**, boosting future income by approximately 23.2%.



## What is Marshall Islands's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Marshall Islands is 138** compared to **152 for men**. The 14-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 14% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Marshall Islands.



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

