



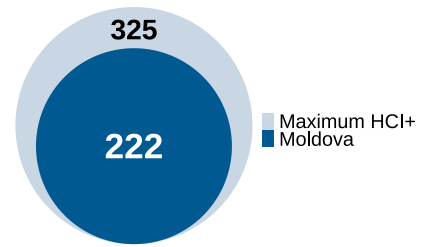
# MOLDOVA

Region: Europe & Central Asia  
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 **Moldova’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

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

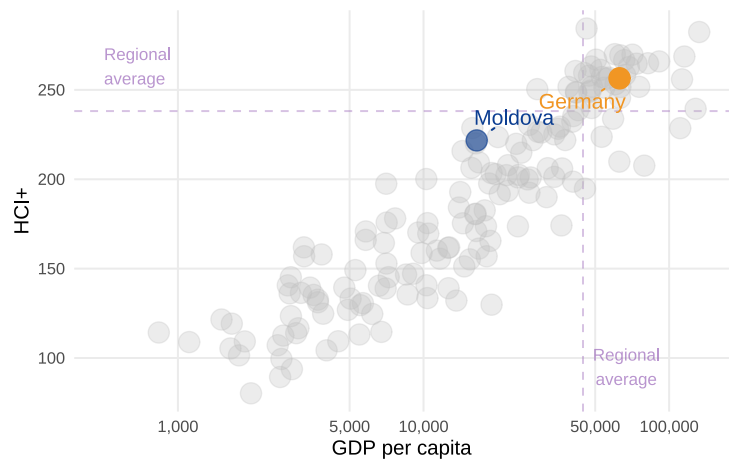
**Moldova’s HCI+ score is 222 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment.** A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 19%.



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

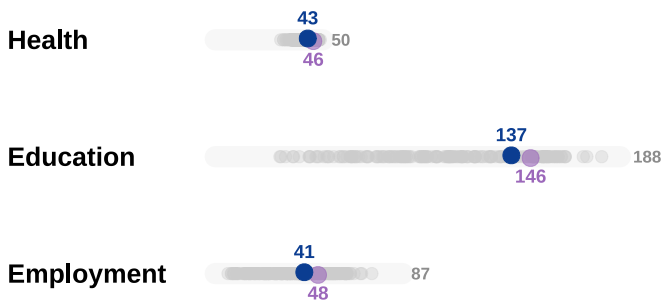
Moldova’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Europe & Central Asia region (240)** and higher than the average for **upper-middle-income countries (204)**.

Moldova’s HCI+ score is also **34 points lower than Germany’s.**



## What explains Moldova’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 43**, slightly lower than the **regional average of 46**.

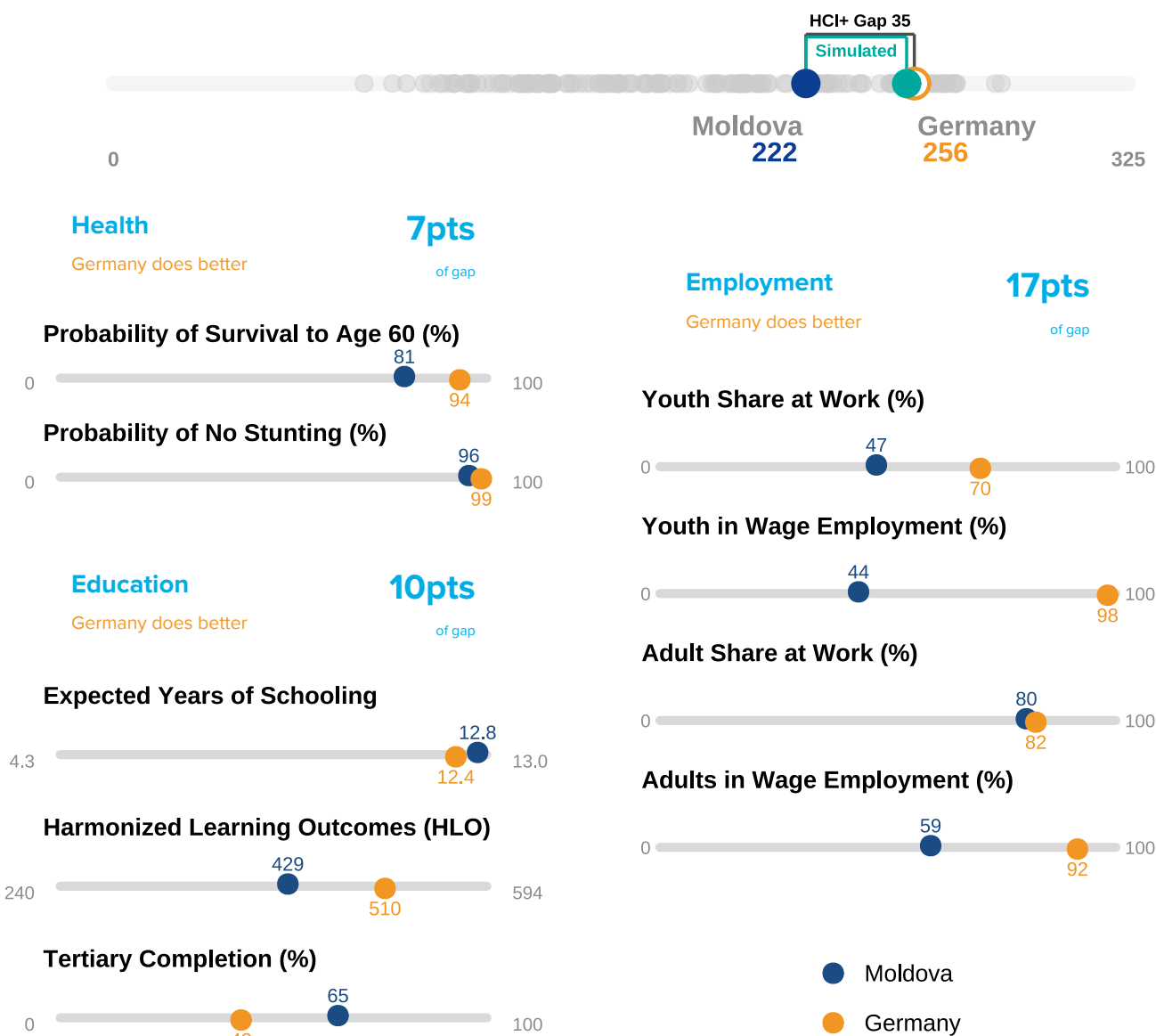
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 137**, lower than the **regional average of 146**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 41**, lower than the **regional average of 48**.



### What indicators are responsible for Moldova's HCI+ gap with Germany?

Moldova's HCI+ score (222) is lower than Germany's (256). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Moldova and Germany are **Harmonized Learning Outcomes (HLO), probability of survival to age 60, and adult in wage employment**. Raising these indicators to Germany's levels would increase Moldova's score to 254, boosting future income by approximately 32.2%.



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

The HCI+ score for women in Moldova is 228 compared to 215 for men. The 13-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 13% higher than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Moldova.



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

