



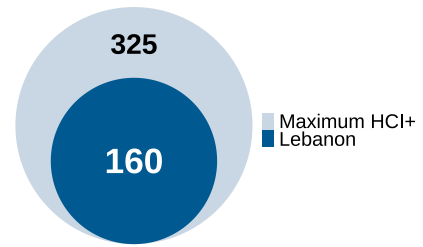
LEBANON

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

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

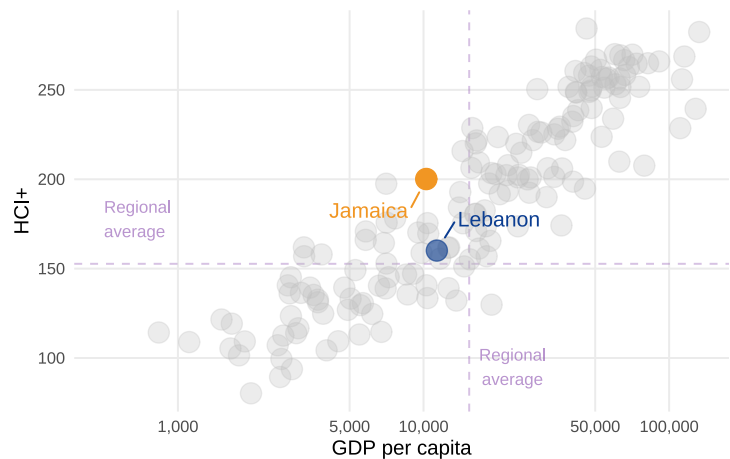
Lebanon’s HCI+ score is 160 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 78%.



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

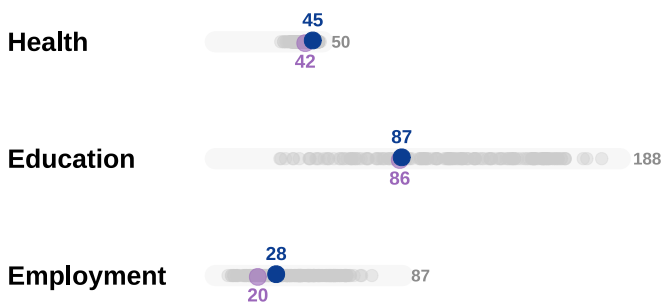
Lebanon’s HCI+ is higher than the average for the **Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan & Pakistan region (147)** and higher than the average for **lower-middle-income countries (153)**.

Lebanon’s HCI+ score is also **40 points lower than Jamaica’s.**



What explains Lebanon’s HCI+?

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



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 45**, slightly higher than the **regional average of 42**.

The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 87**, about the same as the **regional average of 86**.

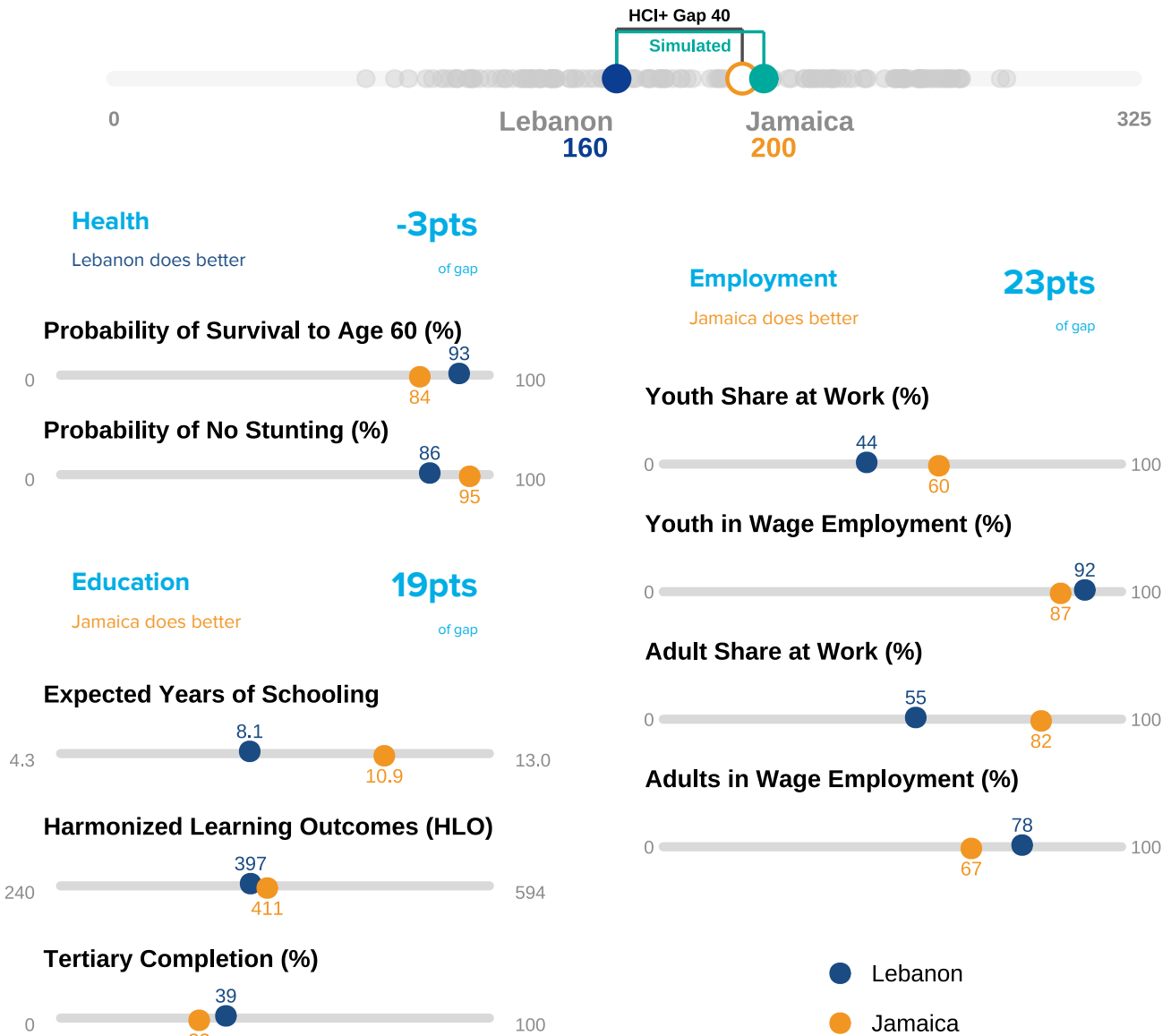
The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 28**, higher than the **regional average of 20**.

Note: Data should be interpreted with caution, given the country’s classification by the World Bank as a conflict-affected situation.



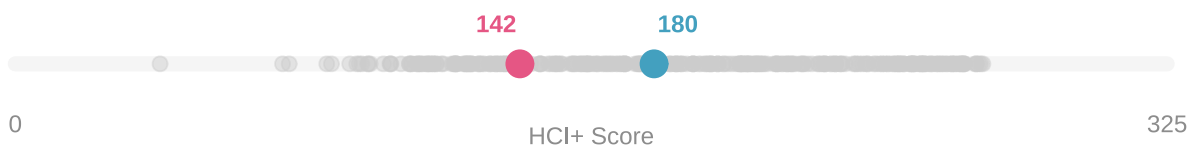
What indicators are responsible for Lebanon’s HCI+ gap with Jamaica?

Lebanon’s HCI+ score (160) is lower than Jamaica’s (200). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Lebanon and Jamaica are **expected years of schooling, adult share at work, and youth share at work**. Raising these indicators to Jamaica’s levels would increase Lebanon’s score to **207**, boosting future income by approximately 47.3%.



What is Lebanon’s HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Lebanon is 142** compared to **180 for men**. The 38-point gap indicates that women’s earning potential will be 38% lower than men’s due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Lebanon.



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

