

Solomon Islands

Human Capital Index 2020

This brief provides an update to the Human Capital Index (HCI). First launched in 2018, the HCI measures the amount of human capital that a child born today can expect to attain by age 18. It conveys the productivity of the next generation of workers compared to a benchmark of complete education and full health. Worldwide a child born in 2020 can expect, on average, to be 56 percent as productive as she could be when she grows up. All data represent the status of countries pre-COVID-19.

THE HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX

Human Capital Index. A child born in the Solomon Islands today will be **42 percent** as productive when she grows up as she could be if she enjoyed complete education and full health. This is lower than the average for East Asia & Pacific region and Lower middle income countries.

- **Probability of Survival to Age 5.** 98 out of 100 children born in the Solomon Islands survive to age 5.
- **Expected Years of School.** In the Solomon Islands, a child who starts school at age 4 can expect to complete **8.3 years** of school by her 18th birthday.
- **Harmonized Test Scores.** Students in the Solomon Islands score **351** on a scale where 625 represents advanced attainment and 300 represents minimum attainment.
- **Learning-adjusted Years of School.** Factoring in what children actually learn, expected years of school is only **4.7 years**.
- **Adult Survival Rate.** Across the Solomon Islands, **86 percent** of 15-year olds will survive until age 60. This statistic is a proxy for the range of health risks that a child born today would experience as an adult under current conditions.
- **Healthy Growth (Not Stunted Rate).** 68 out of 100 children are **not** stunted. 32 out of 100 children are stunted, and so are at risk of cognitive and physical limitations that can last a lifetime.

DIFFERENCES IN HCI ACROSS GENDER AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS

In the Solomon Islands, the HCI for girls is higher than for boys. Table 1 shows gender disaggregation for each of the HCI components.

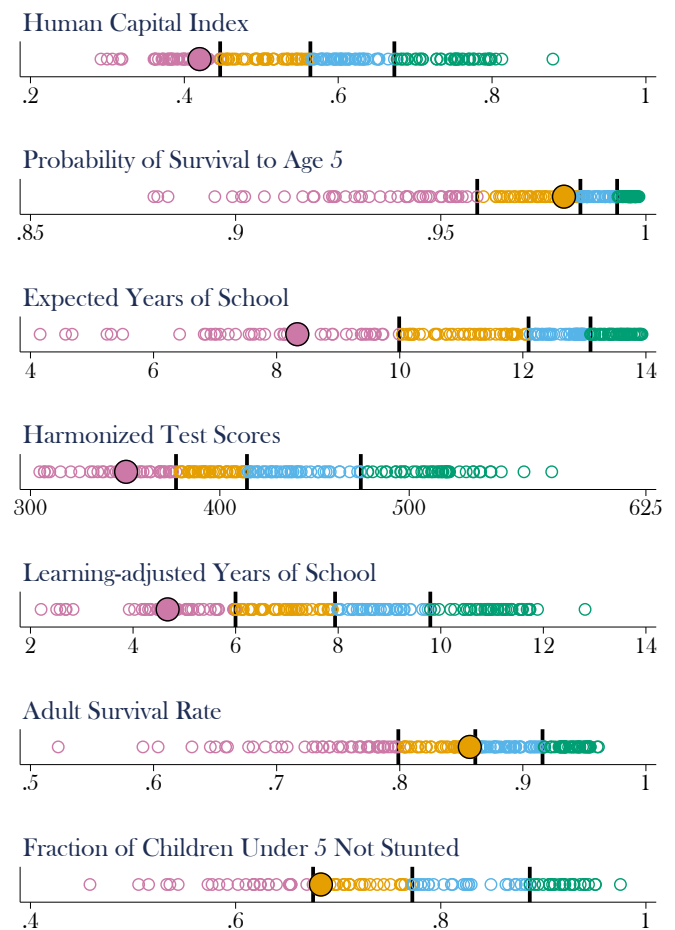
In the Solomon Islands, there are not sufficient data to disaggregate HCI by socio-economic groups.

Table 1. HCI by Gender and Socio-economic Group

Component	Boys	Girls	Overall
HCI	0.41	0.43	0.42
Survival to Age 5	0.98	0.98	0.98
Expected Years of School	8.2	8.5	8.3
Harmonized Test Scores	339	363	351
Learning-adjusted Years of School	4.5	4.9	4.7
Adult Survival Rate	0.84	0.88	0.86
Not Stunted Rate	0.66	0.70	0.68
HCI Ratio (richest / poorest 20 percent)			-

For more on socioeconomic disaggregated HCI, please visit <https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/human-capital/brief/insights-from-disaggregating-the-human-capital-index>

Figure 1. HCI and Components



Note:

- Large circle represents Solomon Islands
- Small circles represent other countries
- Lines and color of circles indicate quartiles of the distribution