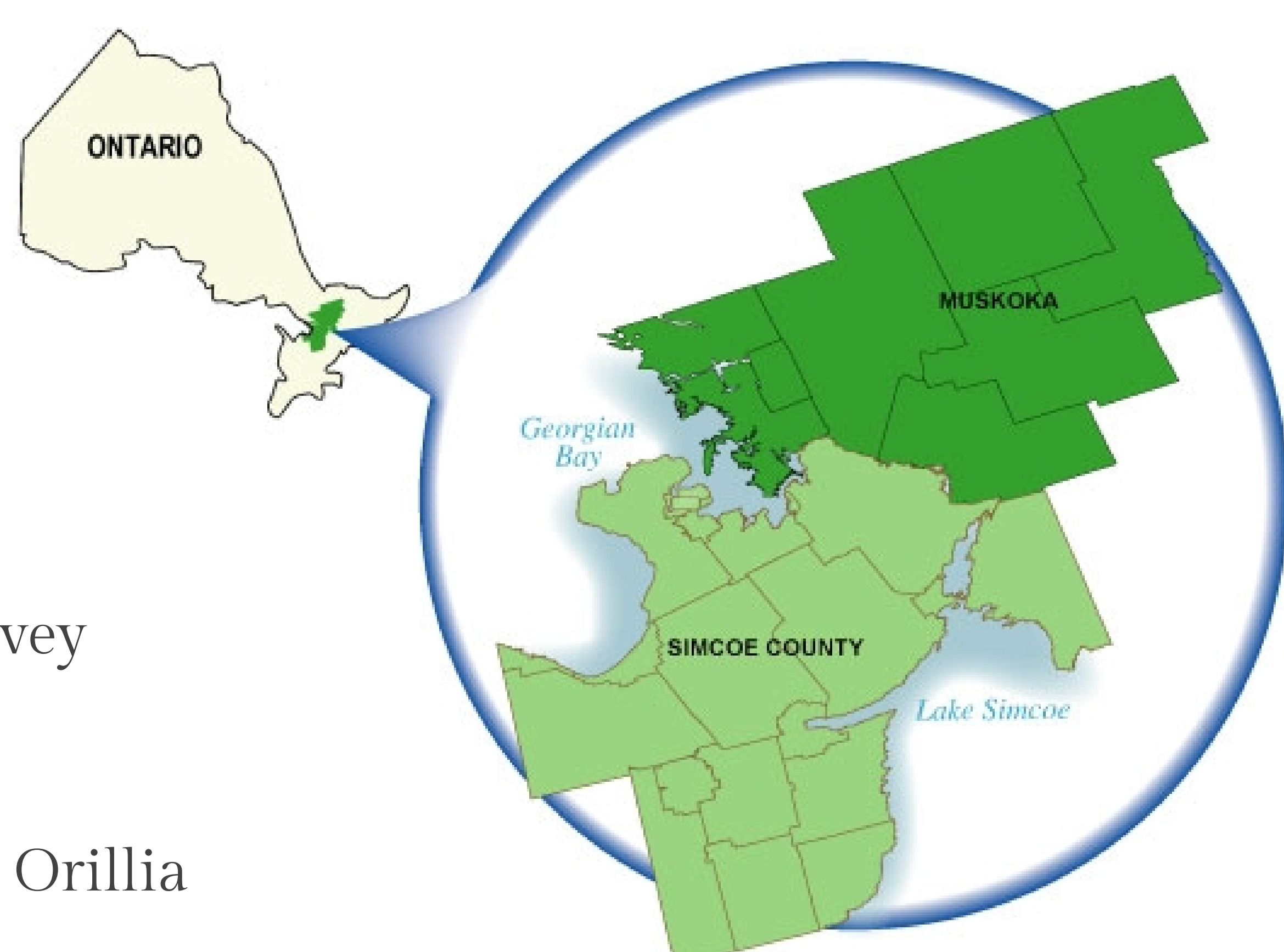


# Transgender Experience

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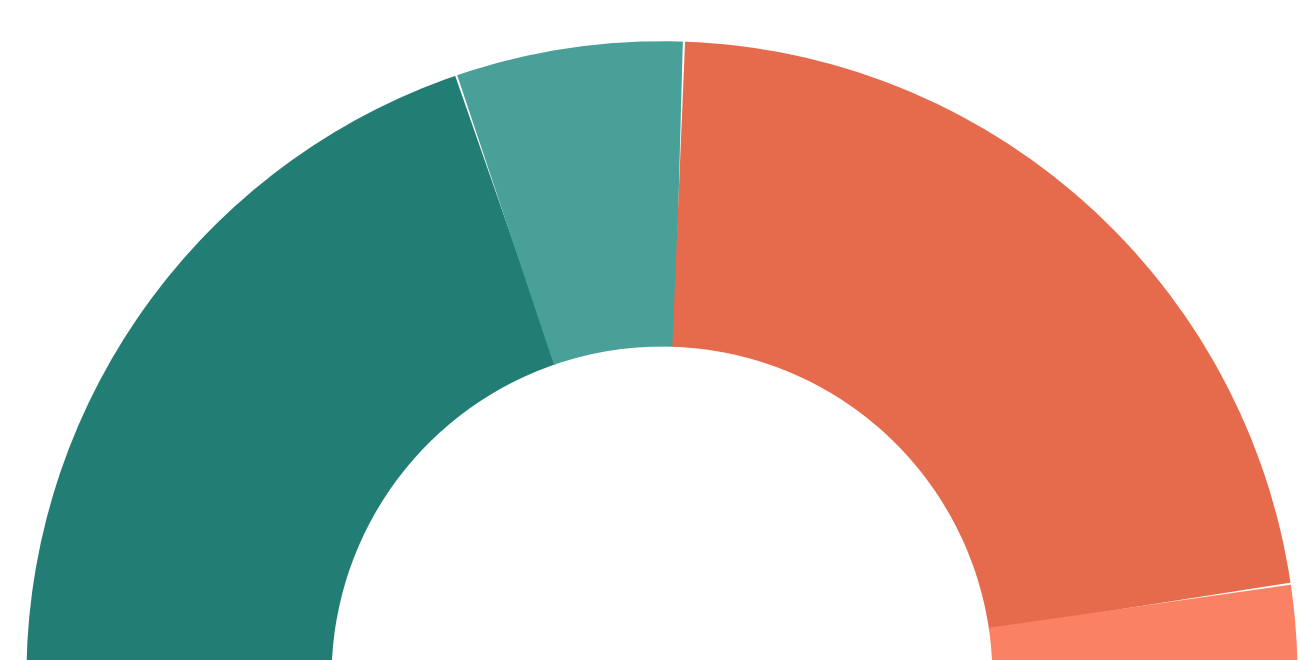
## results from the Simcoe Muskoka Transgender Health Needs study: fact sheet #1

In 2016/17 the Gilbert Centre in partnership with Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital and Laurentian University conducted a community-based needs assessment on the health and social needs and experiences of people who identify as transgender in the Simcoe County and Muskoka Regions of Ontario.



The data reported here are the result of an online survey conducted over a four month period as well as four community consultations. 58 people who identify on transgender spectrum completed the survey and 22 participated in consultations held in Barrie, Midland, Orillia and Bracebridge.

### Employment



Employed (39.50%) Precariously Employed (11.60%)  
Unemployed (44.20%) Retired (4.70%)

44% of respondents indicated that they were unemployed, while the unemployment rate for Simcoe and Muskoka was 7% during the same period. The Trans Pulse study in 2011 found Ontario's overall unemployment rate for people who are transgender as roughly 20%.



### Education

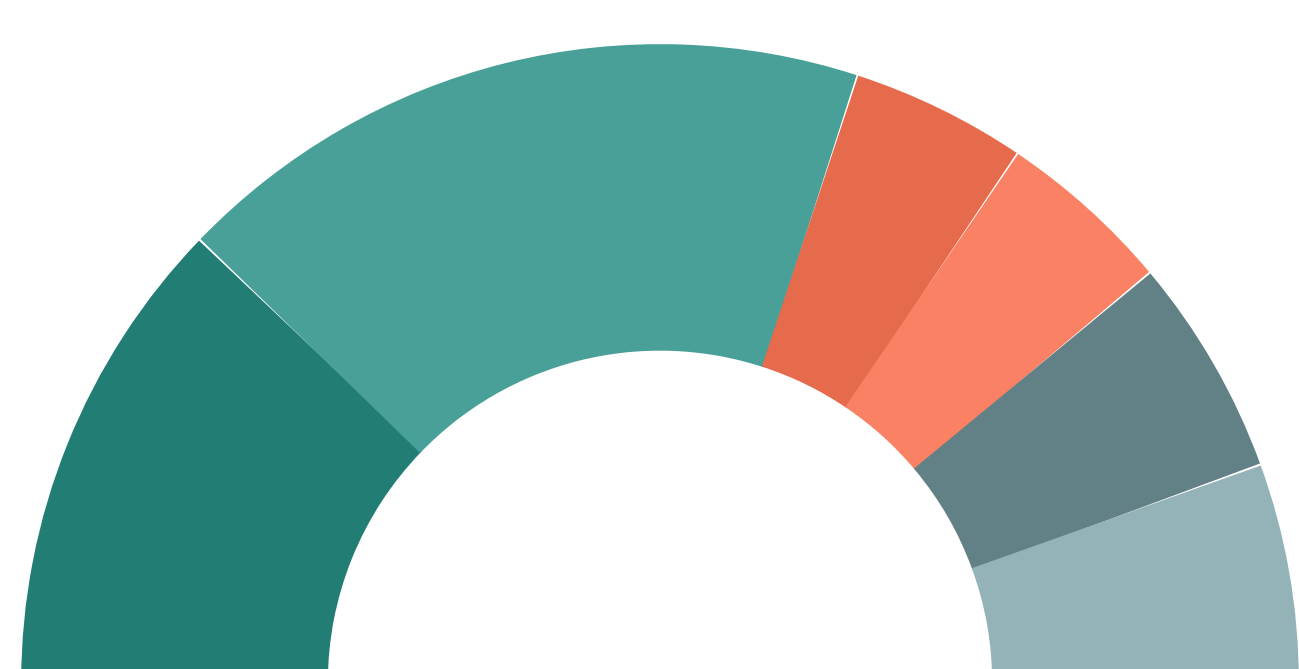
In our sample over 71% of respondents stated that they had partial or completed post-secondary level education compared to 53% of the population of Simcoe County and 48% in Muskoka.

Our education data matches the provincial data as reported in the Trans Pulse study.



Some/Completed High School (26.03%)  
College Level (52.25%) University Level (19.52%)  
Unknown (2.20%)

### Income



under \$10,000 (24.40%) \$10,000 - \$19,000 (35.60%)  
\$20,000 - \$29,000 (8.90%) \$30,000 - \$39,000 (8.90%)  
\$40,000 - \$49,000 (11.10%) \$50,000+ (11.10%)

69% of respondents reported an annual income of less than \$30,000. This mirrors the low income reality of people who are transgender in Ontario, as the Trans Pulse reported 71% at or below this income level.

To compare, 55% of people living in Simcoe County earn at or below \$30,000.



### The Study

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