

“Romanian Sign Language [rms] (A language of Romania)

- **Alternate Names:** “Limբaj Mimico-Gestual Romanesc” (pej.), Limբajul Semenelor Romanesc, “LMGR” (pej.), LSR
- **Population:** 24,600 in Romania (2014 EUD). 93,500 (2014 IMB).
- **Location:** Scattered
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Dialects:** Variation exists between the regions of Transylvania, Moldavia, and Wallachia. Further assessment needed. No known relationship to other sign languages. (Eberle, Eberle, Cuceuan, and Cuceuan forthcoming).
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling.
- **Language Use:** Deaf schools. All domains. All ages. Some also use Hungarian Sign Language[hsh]. While LSR is the primary language of communication for most deaf people, widely varying degrees of bilingualism (spoken and written) in Romanian[ron] are common. Used as L2 by Hungarian Sign Language [hsh].
- **Language Development:** Romanian literacy for access to mainstream society and employment is valued. (Eberle, Eberle, Cuceuan, and Cuceuan). TV. Videos. Dictionary.
- **Other Comments:** 33 working Sign language interpreters (2013 EUD). Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [fsl]. Christian (Orthodox), Christian (Protestant).”

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