

# The Romania-Born Community in Victoria – 2016 Census (ranked 53)

## Demographic characteristics

At the 2016 Census, there were 5,423 Romania-born persons in Victoria (37.7% of Australia's total), ranked 53<sup>rd</sup> among the overseas-born communities in Victoria. The Romania-born increased by 1.2% (66) from 5,357 persons in 2011. They are distributed throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, with major concentration in the LGA of Casey (25.5%) and minor concentrations in Greater Dandenong (6.8%), Wyndham (5.7%), Glen Eira (4.7%) and Brimbank (4.4%).

The Romania-born reflected a mature to ageing profile: 6.4% were aged 25 years and under; 34.2% were aged 26-44; 40.3% were aged 45-64; and 18.9% were aged 65 years and over. The median age was 48 years, compared to 37 years for total Victoria. The gender ratio was 91 males to 100 females, compared to 96 males to 100 females for total Victoria.

There were 9,156 persons identified with Romanian ancestry. Most of them were born in Romania (49.4%) and Australia (38.6%). Three-fifths (59.8%) of the Romania-born in Victoria had arrived in Australia prior to 1996; 10.2% arrived in 1996-2000; 8.5% arrived in 2001-2005; 9.4% arrived in 2006-2010; and 9.8% arrived in 2011-2016.

Most (66.4%) of the Romania-born speak Romanian and 7.4% speak Hungarian; 19.1% speak English only. Of those who speak a language other than English, 9.3% speak English not well/not at all. Over a quarter (28.2%) of the Romanian-born are Eastern Orthodox; 16.3% are Christian not further defined; 12.3% have no religion; 9.8% are Catholic; 8.6% are Baptist; and 8.2% are Pentecostal. Most (84.6%) of the Romania-born have Australian citizenship, compared to 58.3% for the total overseas-born population in Victoria.

(See p.3 on economic characteristics).

### Romania-born in Victoria and Australia: 2016, 2011 and 2006 Census

Location	2016 Census		2011 Census		2006 Census		Change 2011-2016		Change 2006-2011	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	% change	Persons	% change
Metro Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>	5,094	35.4	5,057	36.0	4,893	35.3	37	0.7	164	3.4
Rest of Victoria <sup>(b)</sup>	333	2.3	293	2.1	289	2.1	40	13.7	4	1.4
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>5,184</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Total Australia</b>	<b>14,392</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14,050</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1.2</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Metro Melbourne is equivalent to ABS's Greater Capital Statistical Area.

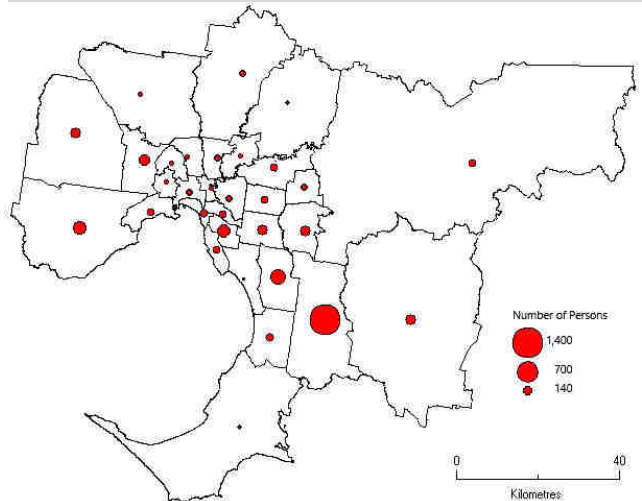
<sup>(b)</sup> Includes "No Usual Address, Victoria" and "Offshore Areas and Migratory, Victoria".

### Distribution of Romania-born, Top 5 LGAs: 2016 Census

Local Government Area (LGA)	2016 Census		2011 Census		Rank in 2011
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Casey (C)	1,382	25.5	1,399	26.1	1
Gter Dandenong (C)	370	6.8	466	8.7	2
Wyndham (C)	309	5.7	212	4.0	5
Glen Eira (C)	253	4.7	266	5.0	4
Brimbank (C)	238	4.4	292	5.5	3
Rest of Melbourne	2,517	46.4	2,393	44.7	-
Rest of Reg Vic <sup>(a)</sup>	363	6.7	311	5.8	-
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	-

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Unincorporated Vic" and "No Usual Address Vic".

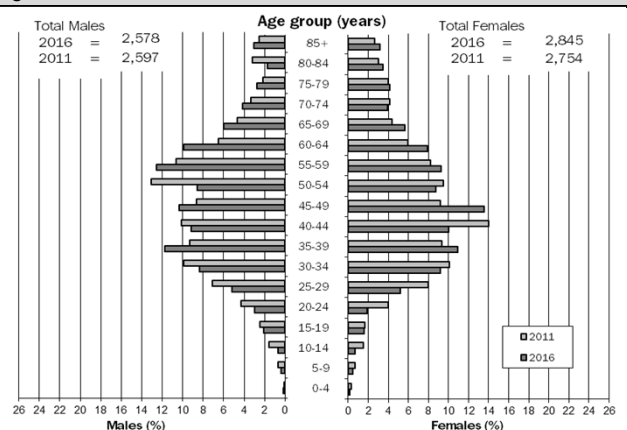
### Distribution of Romania-born in Metro Melbourne, 2016



### Age Distribution of Romania-born: 2016, 2011 Census

Age group (years)	2016 Census		2011 Census		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	12	0.2	5	0.1	140.0
5-11	35	0.6	56	1.0	-37.5
12-18	110	2.0	150	2.8	-26.7
19-25	195	3.6	322	6.0	-39.4
26-44	1,852	34.2	1,993	37.2	-7.1
45-54	1,120	20.7	1,075	20.1	4.2
55-64	1,065	19.6	837	15.6	27.2
65-74	534	9.8	440	8.2	21.4
75+	495	9.1	469	8.8	5.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	<i>48</i>		<i>46</i>		
<i>Sex Ratio</i>	<i>91</i>		<i>94</i>		<i>males per 100 females</i>

### Age and Gender Distribution of Romania-born, Victoria, 2016



**Top 5 Countries of Birth of Persons with Romanian Ancestry: 2016, 2011**

Country of birth	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Romania	4,527	49.4	4,324	54.4	4.7
Israel	148	1.6	110	1.4	34.5
S E Europe, nfd	98	1.1	89	1.1	10.1
Serbia	73	0.8	76	1.0	-3.9
New Zealand	53	0.6	29	0.4	82.8
Australia	3,531	38.6	2,820	35.5	25.2
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	692	7.6	505	6.3	37.0
<b>Total responses<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>9,156</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,953</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes all other countries, and birthplace not stated.

<sup>(b)</sup> Respondents have option of nominating several ancestries; only the 1st two responses were coded. This is the total of both 1st & 2nd responses.

This table is based on the ancestry with the most responses for Romania-born persons.

**Top 5 Languages Spoken at Home, Romania-born: 2016, 2011**

Language other than English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Romanian	3,601	66.4	3,600	67.2	0.0
Hungarian	401	7.4	390	7.3	2.8
German	72	1.3	79	1.5	-8.9
Italian	60	1.1	48	0.9	25.0
Hebrew	38	0.7	44	0.8	-13.6
Other languages <sup>(a)</sup>	168	3.1	183	3.4	-8.2
English only	1,034	19.1	975	18.2	6.1
Not stated	42	0.8	38	0.7	10.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes "Inadequately described" and "Non-verbal, so described".

**Top 5 Religious affiliation, Romania-born: 2016, 2011**

Religious affiliation <sup>(a)</sup>	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Eastern Orthodox	1,528	28.2	2,305	43.0	-33.7
Christian, nfd	884	16.3	154	2.9	474.0
Catholic	531	9.8	588	11.0	-9.7
Baptist	469	8.6	497	9.3	-5.6
Pentecostal	442	8.2	445	8.3	-0.7
Other religions	598	11.0	698	13.0	-14.3
No religion <sup>(b)</sup>	669	12.3	419	7.8	59.7
Not stated	305	5.6	251	4.7	21.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Religion based on 3 digit level of classification.

<sup>(b)</sup> No Religion, so described.

**Year of Arrival of Romania-born: 2016**

Year of arrival <sup>(a)</sup>	Romania-born		Total OSB, Vic <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Persons	%	Persons	%
Before 1996	3,242	59.8	716,865	42.7
1996 - 2000	551	10.2	104,975	6.2
2001 - 2005	459	8.5	149,043	8.9
2006 - 2010	511	9.4	269,729	16.1
2011 - 2016 <sup>(b)</sup>	533	9.8	381,130	22.7
Not stated	125	2.3	58,517	3.5
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,680,256</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Records the year of arrival in Australia for people born overseas

who intend staying in Australia for at least one year.

<sup>(b)</sup> Arrivals up to 9 Aug 2016.

<sup>(c)</sup> OSB stands for Overseas-born.

**Proficiency in English of Romania-born: 2016, 2011**

Proficiency in English	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
Speaks English only	1,034	19.1	975	18.2	6.1
<i>Speaks other languages and speaks English</i>					
Very well	2,407	44.4	2,266	42.3	6.2
Well	1,419	26.2	1,514	28.3	-6.3
Not well	424	7.8	421	7.9	0.7
Not at all	81	1.5	109	2.0	-25.7
Not stated <sup>(a)</sup>	50	0.9	77	1.4	-35.1
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes those who did not state a language and/or proficiency in English.

**Romania-born with Australian Citizenship by Age: 2016, 2011**

Age group (years)	2016		2011		2011-16 % change
	Persons	%	Persons	%	
0-4	3	0.1	4	0.1	-25.0
5-11	18	0.4	27	0.6	-33.3
12-18	84	1.8	109	2.4	-22.9
19-25	139	3.0	256	5.5	-45.7
26-44	1,388	30.3	1,593	34.5	-12.9
45-64	2,013	43.9	1,811	39.2	11.2
65-74	494	10.8	405	8.8	22.0
75+	456	9.9	422	9.1	8.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,586</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,618</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
% of Romania-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					84.6%
% of Overseas-born with Australian citizenship, 2016:					58.3%

## Economic characteristics

The education levels of the Romania-born are fairly similar to total Victoria: 7.4% have a postgraduate degree, 19.8% have a bachelor degree and 11.4% have an advanced diploma or diploma, compared to 5.4%, 16.5% and 9.2% for total Victoria. One-third (31.7%) have school education only, compared to 38.7% for Victoria.

The labour force participation rate of the Romania-born at 61.4% is similar to total Victoria at 60.5%. The unemployment rate for the Romania-born at 7.3% is slightly higher than total Victoria at 6.6%.

The occupational patterns of the Romania-born are fairly similar to those for total Victoria. More of the Romania-born work as technicians and trades workers (16.7%) and machinery operators & drivers (9.5%) compared to 13.1% and 5.8% for Victoria. Less of the Romania-born are community & personal service workers (8.1%) and sales workers (5.4%) compared to 10.6% and 9.7% for Victoria.

The employment patterns of the Romania-born are fairly similar to total Victoria, with some exceptions: 12.7% of Romania-born are employed in manufacturing; and 15.3% are in construction, compared to 7.8% and 8.3% for Victoria. Less of them are employed in wholesale & retail trade (9.5%) and accommodation & food services (2.9%) compared to 13.4% and 6.6% for Victoria.

The weekly personal income distribution pattern for the Romania-born is also fairly similar to total Victoria. More of them receive \$1-\$399 (22.2%), \$800-\$1,249 (18.8%) and \$1,250-\$1,999 (15.6%) compared to 20.1%, 16.7% and 13.6% for Victoria. Less of them receive \$400-\$799 (22.0%) compared to 23.1% for total Victoria.

### Highest level of educational attainment, Romania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Highest level of educational attainment <sup>(a)</sup>	Romania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Postgraduate Degree	397	7.4	264	5.0	133	50.4	260,039	5.4	170,382	3.9	89,657	52.6
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	88	1.6	80	1.5	8	10.0	119,226	2.5	95,352	2.2	23,874	25.0
Bachelor Degree	1,059	19.8	960	18.4	99	10.3	798,270	16.5	641,219	14.7	157,051	24.5
Advanced Dip & Diploma	608	11.4	545	10.4	63	11.6	447,023	9.2	364,758	8.4	82,265	22.6
Certificate	945	17.7	868	16.6	77	8.9	698,036	14.4	614,689	14.1	83,347	13.6
School Education only <sup>(b)</sup>	1,694	31.7	1,804	34.5	-110	-6.1	1,877,183	38.7	1,876,620	43.1	563	0.0
No Educ Attainment <sup>(c)</sup>	30	0.6	31	0.6	-1	-3.2	48,920	1.0	41,809	1.0	7,111	17.0
Not stated etc <sup>(d)</sup>	534	10.0	683	13.1	-149	-21.8	597,010	12.3	550,419	12.6	46,591	8.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,231</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes persons who completed school to between Year 8 or below, and Year 12 level.

<sup>(c)</sup>Includes persons whose qualification is out of scope of this variable.

<sup>(d)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

### Labour force participation, Romania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011

Labour force participation <sup>(a)</sup>	Romania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
<i>In the labour force</i>	3,281	60.5	3,206	59.8	75	2.3	2,929,590	49.4	2,675,478	50.0	254,112	9.5
Employed	3,040	56.1	3,018	56.3	22	0.7	2,736,125	46.2	2,530,635	47.3	205,490	8.1
Unemployed	241	4.4	188	3.5	53	28.2	193,465	3.3	144,843	2.7	48,622	33.6
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	1,997	36.8	1,903	35.5	94	4.9	1,610,130	27.2	1,451,593	27.1	158,537	10.9
<i>Not stated</i>	74	1.4	124	2.3	-50	-40.3	305,978	5.2	228,176	4.3	77,802	34.1
<i>Not applicable</i> <sup>(b)</sup>	77	1.4	119	2.2	-42	-35.3	1,080,919	18.2	998,793	18.7	82,126	8.2
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>5,423</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5,926,624</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,354,039</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>572,585</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<i>Participation rate</i> <sup>(c)</sup>	61.4%		61.2%				60.5%		61.4%			
<i>Unemployment rate</i> <sup>(d)</sup>	7.3%		5.9%				6.6%		5.4%			

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to persons 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Persons aged under 15 years.

<sup>(c)</sup>The participation rate represents the labour force (total employed and unemployed who are actively looking for work) expressed as a % of the civilian population aged 15 years and over, in the same age group.

<sup>(d)</sup>The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a % of the labour force.

**Occupation, Romania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Occupation <sup>(a)</sup>	Romania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Managers	361	11.9	335	11.1	26	7.8	369,921	13.5	332,931	13.2	36,990	11.1
Professionals	741	24.4	708	23.5	33	4.7	636,220	23.3	564,779	22.3	71,441	12.6
Technicians and trades workers	507	16.7	543	18.0	-36	-6.6	358,749	13.1	350,757	13.9	7,992	2.3
Community&personal serv. wkrs	246	8.1	213	7.1	33	15.5	289,348	10.6	234,380	9.3	54,968	23.5
Clerical & administrative workers	330	10.9	314	10.4	16	5.1	363,216	13.3	364,497	14.4	-1,281	-0.4
Sales workers	165	5.4	161	5.3	4	2.5	265,142	9.7	245,335	9.7	19,807	8.1
Machinery operators & drivers	288	9.5	310	10.3	-22	-7.1	159,193	5.8	154,542	6.1	4,651	3.0
Labourers	342	11.3	355	11.8	-13	-3.7	247,428	9.0	227,184	9.0	20,244	8.9
Not stated <sup>(b)</sup>	53	1.7	89	2.9	-36	-40.4	46,924	1.7	56,224	2.2	-9,300	-16.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,018</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 years and over.

<sup>(b)</sup>Includes "Inadequately described".

**Industry of Employment, Romania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Industry of employment <sup>(a)</sup>	Romania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Agri, forestry, fishing & mining	31	1.0	27	0.9	4	14.8	70,052	2.6	66,176	2.6	3,876	5.9
Manufacturing	386	12.7	613	20.3	-227	-37.0	212,723	7.8	271,051	10.7	-58,328	-21.5
Electr, gas, water & waste	23	0.8	17	0.6	6	35.3	30,808	1.1	27,630	1.1	3,178	11.5
Construction	464	15.3	424	14.0	40	9.4	228,149	8.3	210,972	8.3	17,177	8.1
Wholesale & retail trade	288	9.5	318	10.5	-30	-9.4	367,953	13.4	387,813	15.3	-19,860	-5.1
Accommod & Food services	89	2.9	84	2.8	5	6.0	180,825	6.6	153,898	6.1	26,927	17.5
Transp, postal & warehousing	190	6.3	210	7.0	-20	-9.5	130,069	4.8	118,214	4.7	11,855	10.0
Information, Media & Telecomm	55	1.8	52	1.7	3	5.8	52,200	1.9	50,091	2.0	2,109	4.2
Finance & Insurance	96	3.2	92	3.0	4	4.3	106,669	3.9	104,701	4.1	1,968	1.9
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate	36	1.2	35	1.2	1	2.9	43,013	1.6	35,046	1.4	7,967	22.7
Prof, Scientific, Tech & Admin	391	12.9	327	10.8	64	19.6	310,711	11.4	279,422	11.0	31,289	11.2
Public Admin & Safety	91	3.0	86	2.8	5	5.8	144,321	5.3	134,949	5.3	9,372	6.9
Education & Training	206	6.8	156	5.2	50	32.1	236,276	8.6	202,317	8.0	33,959	16.8
Health Care & Soc Assistance	396	13.0	371	12.3	25	6.7	341,999	12.5	292,417	11.6	49,582	17.0
Arts, Recreation & Other serv	103	3.4	120	4.0	-17	-14.2	151,019	5.5	134,750	5.3	16,269	12.1
Inadeq Described/Not Stated	175	5.8	89	2.9	86	96.6	129,326	4.7	61,173	2.4	68,153	111.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3,040</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,018</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2,736,125</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,530,635</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>205,490</b>	<b>8.1</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>This variable is applicable to employed persons aged 15 and over.

**Total Personal Income (Weekly), Romania-born and Total Victoria: 2016, 2011**

Total personal income, weekly <sup>(a)</sup>	Romania-born						Total Victoria					
	2016		2011		Change 2011-2016		2016		2011		Change 2011-2016	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Negative income	24	0.4	21	0.4	3	14.3	27,122	0.6	26,342	0.6	780	3.0
Nil income	533	10.0	461	8.8	72	15.6	467,934	9.7	351,430	8.1	116,504	33.2
\$1-399	1,186	22.2	1,535	29.3	-349	-22.7	975,345	20.1	1,224,693	28.1	-249,348	-20.4
\$400-\$799	1,177	22.0	1,136	21.7	41	3.6	1,118,244	23.1	964,124	22.1	154,120	16.0
\$800-\$1,249	1,004	18.8	979	18.7	25	2.6	811,256	16.7	715,662	16.4	95,594	13.4
\$1,250-\$1,999	835	15.6	614	11.7	221	36.0	658,020	13.6	491,972	11.3	166,048	33.8
\$2,000 or more	400	7.5	265	5.1	135	50.9	364,675	7.5	246,379	5.7	118,296	48.0
Not stated	188	3.5	231	4.4	-43	-18.6	423,108	8.7	334,649	7.7	88,459	26.4
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,231</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4,845,710</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,355,243</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>490,467</b>	<b>11.3</b>

<sup>(a)</sup>Applicable to persons aged 15 years and over.

This fact sheet is available for free download at [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au), which also contains the Community Profiles series for birthplace groups, with more detailed tables on a wider range of demographic and socio-economic data.

Source of data: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Census of Population and Housing, 2016, 2011, 2006*.