

# Introducing KMA





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KMA holds a population of 14.77 million, according to the 2001 Census, as against the total urban population of West Bengal of 22.5 million. An important demographic attribute of KMA is that its average residential density is the highest among the metropolises in India at around 8000 persons per sq. km. Interestingly, the city of Kolkata has been witnessing sharp decline in the decadal population growth because of the near saturation of the city. But population in the municipal towns

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