

# The Transformation of Tokyo's Administrative Districts

From 1871 (abolition of feudal domains, establishment of prefectures) to 1893

## 1871-

A new administrative district system with large wards containing small wards (*daiku-shoku*) was launched, and Tokyo Prefecture (*fu*) was divided into 6 large wards with 97 small wards. In 1873, this became 11 large wards with 103 small wards when neighboring areas were merged into Tokyo.

(Note: Figure is as of 1873)



## 1878-

With the establishment of the County, Ward, Town, Village (*gun-ku-cho-son*) Act, the large/small ward system was abolished and in place of this, 15 wards and 6 counties were established in Tokyo Prefecture. The Izu Islands became a part of Tokyo Prefecture.



## 1889-

The district comprising the 15 wards became Tokyo City (*shi*). In 1880, the Ogasawara Islands became a part of Tokyo Prefecture.



## 1893-

The Three Tama Area came under the jurisdiction of Tokyo Prefecture and the general area of Tokyo today was established.



From 1896

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East Tama County and South Toshima County merged, becoming Toyotama County.



## 1932-

Tokyo City was merged with the 82 towns and villages of the surrounding 5 counties after their reorganization into 20 wards, to form the Great (Dai) Tokyo 35 wards. In 1936, Kinuta Village and Chitose Village of North Tama County were incorporated in Setagaya Ward.

The Great (Dai) Tokyo 35 wards



## From 1947

The 35 wards were reorganized into 22 wards. On August 1, 1947, Nerima Ward became independent from Itabashi Ward, and the current 23-ward organization of Tokyo was formed.



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