

Shimōsa Province

Map of Japanese provinces (1868) with Shimōsa Province highlighted

Shimōsa Province (, *Shimōsa no Kuni*) was an [old province](#) of [Japan](#) in the area of [Chiba Prefecture](#) and [Ibaraki Prefecture](#) on the island of [Honshū](#).^[1] It was also known as **Sōshū** () or **Hokusō** ().

The province had [borders](#) with [Kazusa Province](#) to the south, [Musashi](#) and [Kōzuke Provinces](#) to the west, and [Hitachi](#) and [Shimotsuke Provinces](#) to the north.

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View of Shimōsa Province, woodblock print by Hiroshige, 1856-1858

Shimōsa was part of a larger territory known as [Fusa Province](#) (or , *Fusa-no-kuni*). Fusa which was divided into Kazusa and Shimōsa during the reign of [Emperor Kōtoku](#) (645-654).

In the [Meiji period](#), the provinces of Japan were converted into prefectures. The maps of Japan and Shimōsa Province were [reformed](#) in the 1870s.^[2]

Shrines and Temples

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Katori jinja was the chief [Shinto shrine](#) (*ichinomiya*) of Shimōsa.^[3]

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Hokurikudō	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echigo • Echizen • Etchū • Kaga • Noto • Sado • Wakasa
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San'yōdō	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aki • Bingo • Bitchū • Bizen • Harima

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Nankaidō	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awa • Awaji • Iyo • Kii • Sanuki • Tosa
Saikaidō	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bungo • Buzen • Chikugo • Chikuzen • Higo • Hizen • Hyūga • Iki • Ōsumi • Satsuma • Tane 702-824 • Tsushima
Hokkaidō 1869-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chishima • Hidaka • Iburi • Ishikari • Kitami • Kushiro • Nemuro • Oshima • Shiribeshi • Teshio • Tokachi
Pre-Taihō Code provinces	Chichibu Fusa Hi Keno Kibi Koshi Kumaso

[Toyo](#)
[Tsukushi](#)

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"Japan's former [provinces](#) were converted into [prefectures](#) by the [Meiji government](#) ... [and] grouped, according to geographic position, into the '[five provinces of the Kinai](#)' and '[seven circuits](#)'."

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