

Over 600,000 people reside in California's 23rd Congressional District, which covers most of Kern and Tulare Counties, and northeastern Los Angeles County. The district includes the cities of Bakersfield, California City, Frazier Park, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Lancaster, Mojave, Porterville, Ridgecrest, Taft, and Tehachapi. The 23rd District also encompasses the Sequoia and Los Padres National Forests.

The three largest industries in the 23rd District are agriculture, energy, and defense. The 23rd District is one of America's top agriculture districts, producing over \$3 billion in crops such as cotton, citrus, grapes, stone fruits, pistachios, wine grapes, almonds, olives, tomatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, alfalfa, cattle and sheep. In addition, Kern County annually produces more oil than the state of Oklahoma. Kern County is also a leader in wind, solar, and geothermal technologies. Northeastern Los Angeles County and eastern Kern County are the sites of Edwards Air Force Base and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake, respectively.