

U.S. Senator Charles E. “Chuck” Schumer (D-NY)
Senate Majority Leader

U.S. Senator Charles E. “Chuck” Schumer was named the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate in January 2021. He supported the passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act in 2020 while serving as Minority Leader.

Schumer was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998 and became New York's senior senator when Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan retired in 2000. After being re-elected in 2004, Schumer secured a seat on the Senate Finance Committee and chairmanship of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Following the elections of 2006, then-Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) appointed Schumer to serve as vice chair of the Democratic Conference, the number three position on the Democratic Leadership team. In 2016, Chuck was again re-elected by the people of New York, and at the same time, his colleagues elected him to serve as leader of the Democratic Caucus, the first time a New York senator has held the position.

After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1974, Schumer was elected to the New York State Assembly, and in 1980, he was elected as a congressman from the 9th Congressional District. Schumer represented the 9th CD in Brooklyn and Queens for 18 years.

Schumer was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, and still resides there.