

# Thomas Kean Jr. (NJ-7)



## Biography

### BIRTH DATE

09/05/1968

### EDUCATION

BA, History, Dartmouth College; MALD, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts Univ., Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts Univ.

### FAMILY

Wife: Rhonda; 2 Children

## Background

After 22 years in the state legislature, Kean won election to Congress in 2022, following in the footsteps of several of his ancestors who represented New Jersey in the federal government

Born and raised in New Jersey, he is the son of fmr. Gov. Tom Kean, Sr. (R-NJ), grandson of Rep. Robert Kean (R-NJ12), and great-grandson of Sen. Hamilton Fish Kean (R-NJ); earned his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, where he participated in an exchange program in Hungary and the Soviet Union

Prior to attending the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Kean was appointed to work for the Environmental Protection Agency under the George H.W. Bush administration; later worked in the office of Rep. Bob Franks (R-NJ7) in Washington, DC

After an unsuccessful bid in 2000 for Congress in the Republican primary, Kean was appointed to the New Jersey General Assembly in 2001; was appointed to the state Senate in 2003, and was reelected to New Jersey's 21st District for almost two decades afterwards

Ran for Senate in 2006, but lost in the general election to incumbent Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ); Kean faced criticism for running a negative campaign that focused on Menendez's legal troubles rather than substantive policy issues

In the state Senate, Kean was elected minority leader in 2008 and held the position until January 2022

## District Profile

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R+1

2022 VOTE RATING DISTRICT LOCATION

Lean R

Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs

## Election Results

2022 GENERAL

**Kean Jr.**

**Malinowski**

**51%**

**49%**

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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