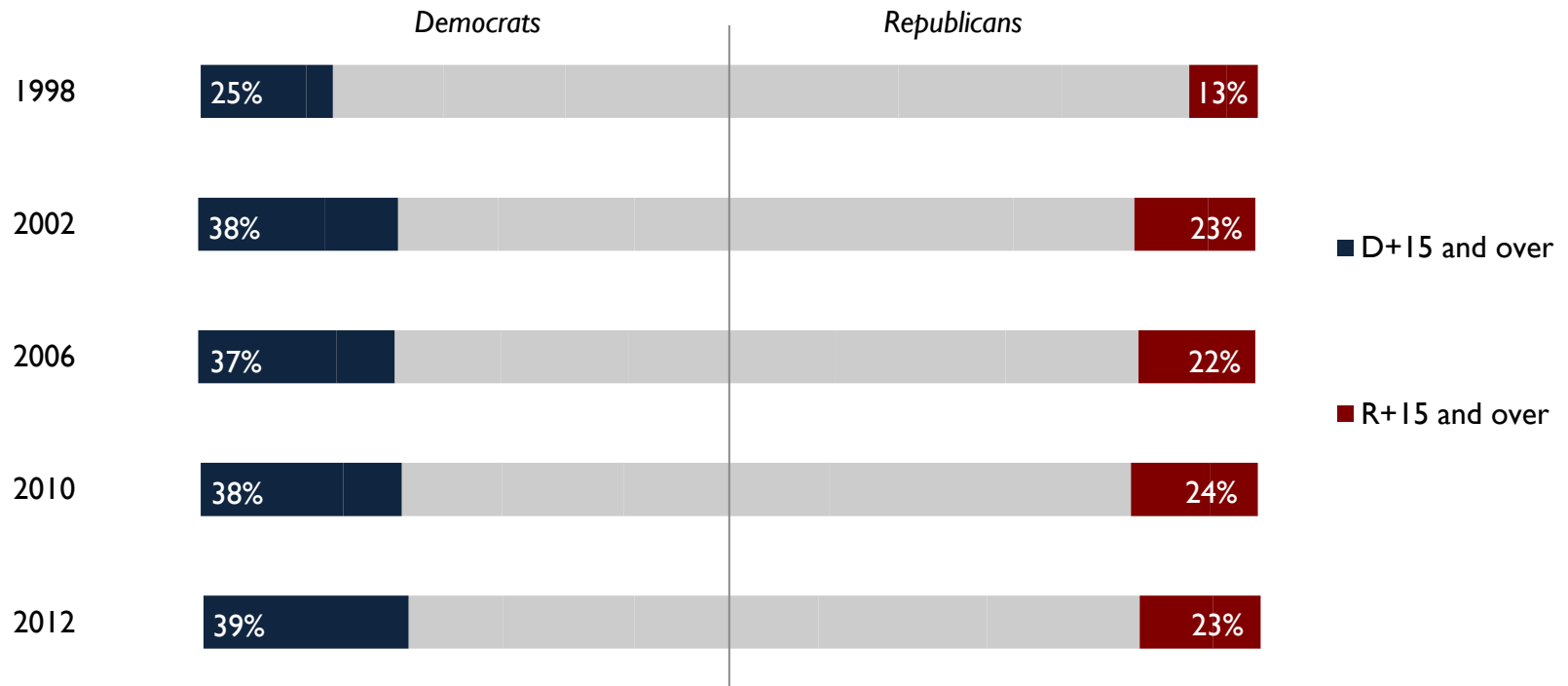


House Dems More Polarized than GOP

Percentage of House Seats Held by Partisan Voter Index (PVI)* Scores
1998 - 2014



Analysis

- Since 1998, the percentage of House GOP seats in highly polarized conservative districts (R+15 or greater) has been consistently less than the percentage of House Dem seats in highly polarized Democratic districts
- The percentage of House Democratic seats in districts with PVI scores of D+20 or more have grown by a total of 11 percentage points since 1998, suggesting that Democratic districts, both as a result of redistricting and ideological self-sorting, are growing more ideologically polarized

* Partisan Voter Index measures how each district performs at the presidential level relative to the nation as a whole

Sources: Cook Political Report, 2013; National Journal Research, 2013.