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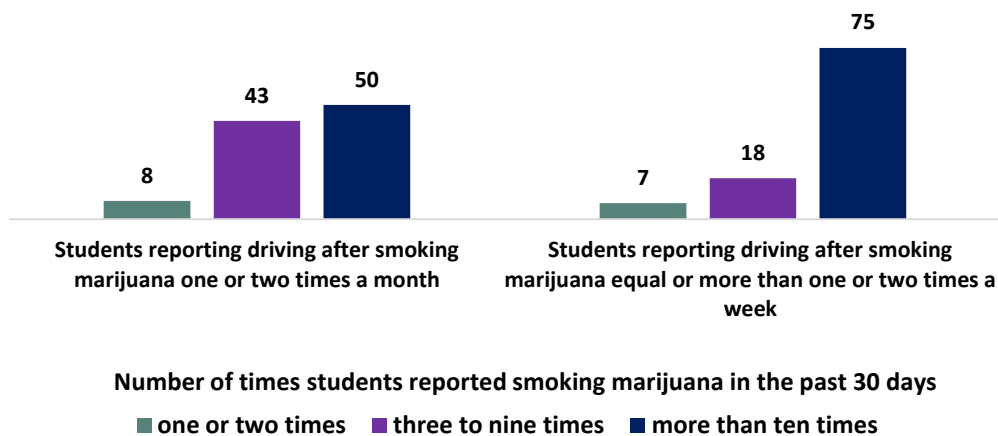


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Marijuana Use and Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana among Delaware 11th Graders

Driving “under the influence” often suggests driving after or while drinking alcohol. However, driving while under the influence of marijuana is a growing concern. With a focus on National Safety Awareness Month, the June DDATAgram highlights marijuana use and driving under its influence. Of the nearly 3,600 11th grade students who took the Delaware School Survey, approximately 1 in 5 students (22%) report past month use of marijuana, and more than 1 in 3 (35%) report past year use. Although the majority of 11th graders report they do not use marijuana, and the majority of those who do use it report they do not drive under its influence, 6%, or about 1 in 20 students, report driving while under its influence. Not surprisingly, students who report heavier use of marijuana are more likely to drive frequently under its influence (at least once weekly). This demonstrates the importance of programs and interventions that address driving under the influence of substances, including marijuana, among Delaware students.

Reported Frequency of Marijuana Use and Driving Under Its Influence among Delaware 11th Graders, 2016 (in percentages)



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