The percentage of high school students that reported regularly driving after smoking marijuana is on the rise

Marijuana is one of the most commonly used drugs by adolescents in the U.S. and the current use of marijuana has been on the rise in recent years. As of June 2016, 25 states and District of Columbia (DC) have legalized medical marijuana and four states and DC have legalized recreational marijuana. One consequence of increased marijuana availability and use is the concern surrounding drugged driving (i.e., driving after smoking marijuana). In Delaware, the number of high school students that have reported regularly driving a vehicle after smoking marijuana has increased within the past year. The chart below presents 11th grade data from the Delaware School Survey from 2013, 2014, and 2015. It highlights the percentage of high school students that reported that they drove high ‘about once or twice a week’ or ‘almost every day.’