Do I Drive Better On My Rocky Mountain High?



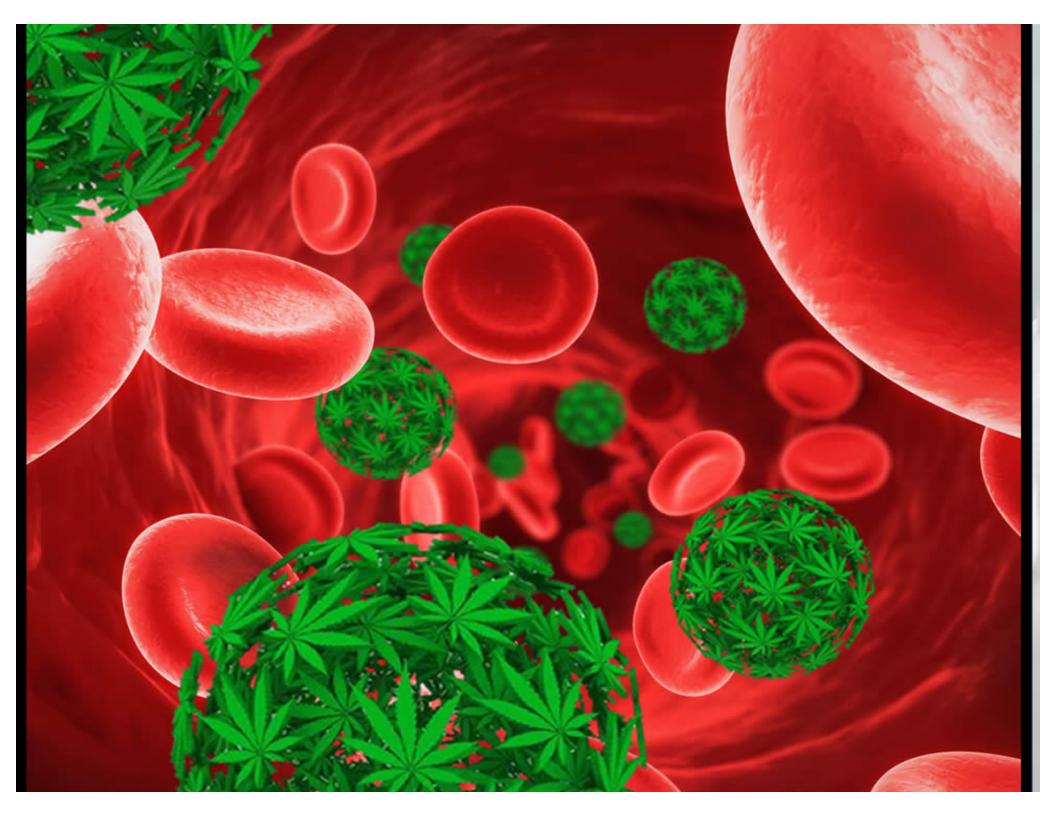
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Side Effects?



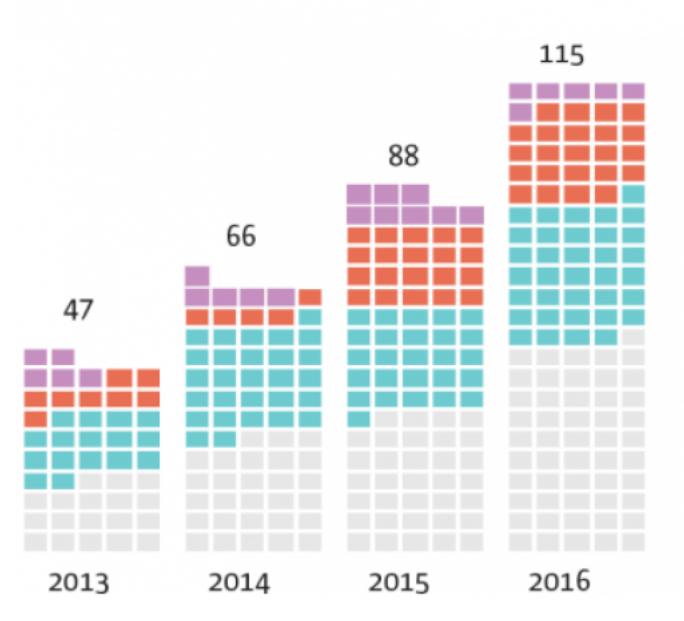
ATTENTION TEAM MEMBERS

OF REQUESTS OFF ON 4/20
WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THEM.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Testing for cannabinoids

The number of drivers involved in fatal crashes who tested positive for marijuana use in Colorado rose from 47 in 2013 to 115 in 2016 – a 145 percent jump.



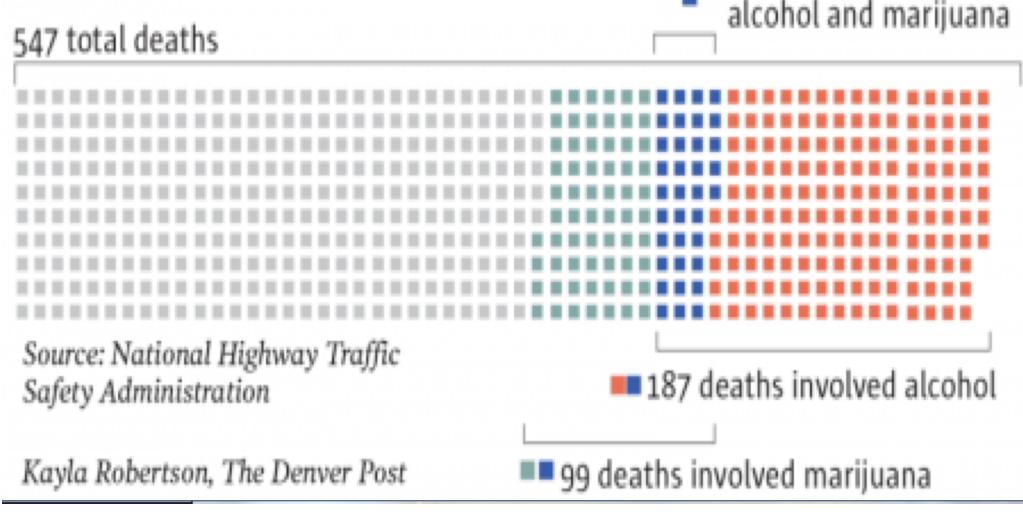
Of those drivers who tested positive for a cannabinoid, many also tested positive for some other drug:

- Cannabinoid, alcohol and other drugs
- Cannabinoid and other drugs
- Cannabinoid and alcohol
- Cannabinoid only

Marijuana and alcohol

Of the 547 traffic fatalities in 2015 in Colorado, 99 involved drivers who tested positive for marijuana and 187 who tested positive for alcohol. Of those, 35 involved drivers who tested positive for both.

35 deaths involved both alcohol and marijuana





Law enforcement not required to test

Most of the time THC not tested if ETOH over legal limit

Conclusions

Cannabis honeymoon phase still strong

Not the worst, but not benign

Closer analysis needed