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## San Francisco Police net more than \$11 million in pot seizures, figures show

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It's been a tough year for marijuana advocates. Cannabis legalization took a blow with the [defeat of Proposition 19](#) at the polls last month. Cities that were [scrambling to draft regulations](#) to produce and tax marijuana last summer are now shelving those plans. In a sign of the times, Oakland's City Council voted Tuesday to [suspend the city's plan](#) for the industrial-size cannabis grows in the face of scrutiny by [Federal](#) and [local](#) law enforcement.

San Francisco never put together a taxation plan, but pot is widely cultivated in many areas of the city. The Sunset District is [particularly notorious](#) for its collection of illegal growhouses.

This particular type of urban farming is plentiful – and lucrative. Figures from the San Francisco Police Department from January through mid-September 2010, 2009 show SFPD discovered 59 indoor grow locations. Of those 59, only four were found to be in compliance with California's medical cultivation laws, and no action was taken.

Approximately 13,500 plants were taken out of the remaining 55 locations. The seized plants had a street value of about \$11.5 million, according to SFPD Sergeant Mike Andraychak, a department spokesman.

In addition to the seized plants, 46 people were arrested, \$500,000 in cash was recovered and 10 firearms were confiscated. In 18 of the 59 locations SFPD discovered, electrical bypasses had been set up to rout additional power to grow lamps used for indoor marijuana grows.

We'll have more information for you once SFPD compiles these statistics for the rest of the year.