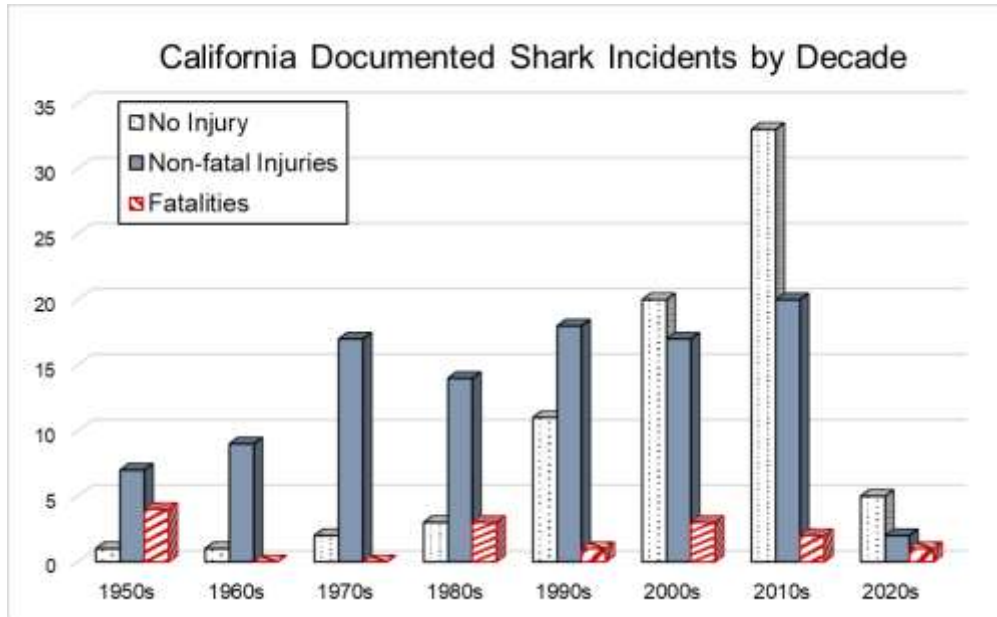




Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2020*



Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	76
Freediving	34
Kayaking	27
Swimming	22
Scuba Diving	18
Hookah Diving	10
Paddle Boarding	7
Total	194

Shark Species

Species	Number
White ⁺	172
Blue	2
Hammerhead	3
Other / Unknown	17
Total	194

⁺Includes unconfirmed but likely white sharks.

Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	14
Non-Fatal	104
None	76
Total	194

A shark incident is defined as any documented case where a shark approached and touched a person in the water or a person's surfboard, kayak, paddleboard, etc. This summary does not include shark sightings where no contact occurred, incidents where sharks approached boats, or cases where hooked sharks caused injury or damage.

Location

County / Island	Number
Del Norte	3
Humboldt	18
Mendocino	5
Sonoma	13
Marin	16
San Francisco	2
Island - Farallones	7
San Mateo	17
Santa Cruz	15
Monterey	14
San Luis Obispo	12
Santa Barbara	19
Island - San Miguel	4
Ventura	2
Island - San Nicolas	1
Island - Santa Rosa	1
Island - Santa Cruz	2
Los Angeles	9
Island - Catalina	3
Orange	8
San Diego	23
Total	194

*As of January 1, 2021 - some previously recorded incidents have been removed after review of documentation.