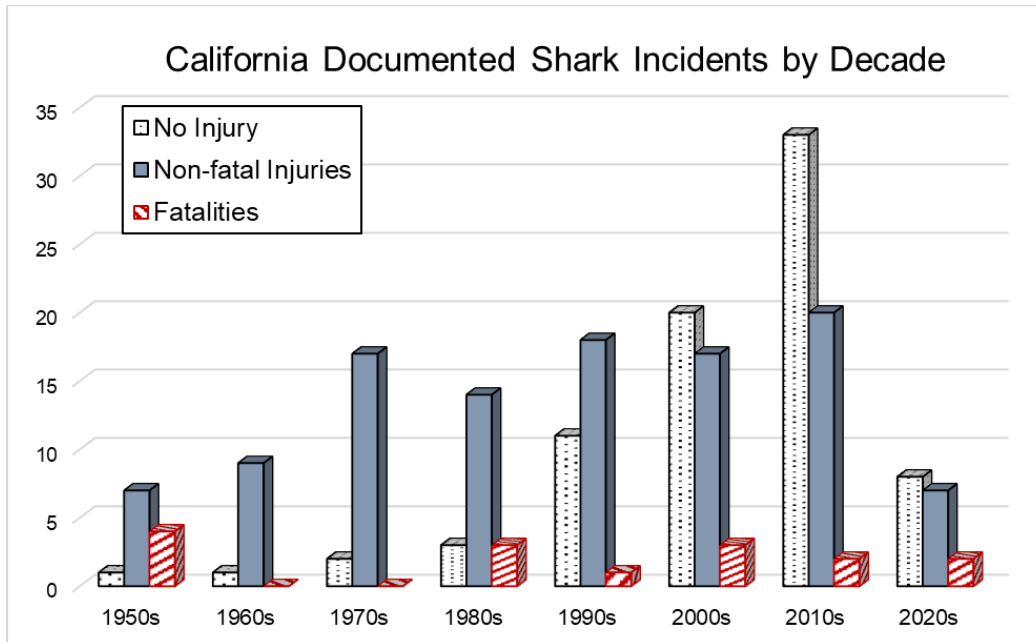




Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2022*



Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	80
Freediving	35
Kayaking	29
Swimming	23
Scuba Diving	19
Hookah Diving	10
Paddle Boarding	7
Total	203

Shark Species

Species	Number
White+	180
Blue	2
Hammerhead	3
Other / Unknown	18
Total	203

+Includes unconfirmed but likely white sharks.

Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	15
Non-Fatal	109
None	79
Total	203

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	15
Marin	16
San Francisco	2
Island - Farallones	7
San Mateo	18
Santa Cruz	15
Monterey	16
San Luis Obispo	14
Santa Barbara	19
Island - San Miguel	5
Ventura	2
Island - San Nicolas	1
Island - Santa Rosa	1
Island - Santa Cruz	2
Los Angeles	9
Island - Catalina	4
Orange	8
San Diego	23
Total	203

*As of June 22, 2022 - some previously recorded incidents have been removed after review of documentation.