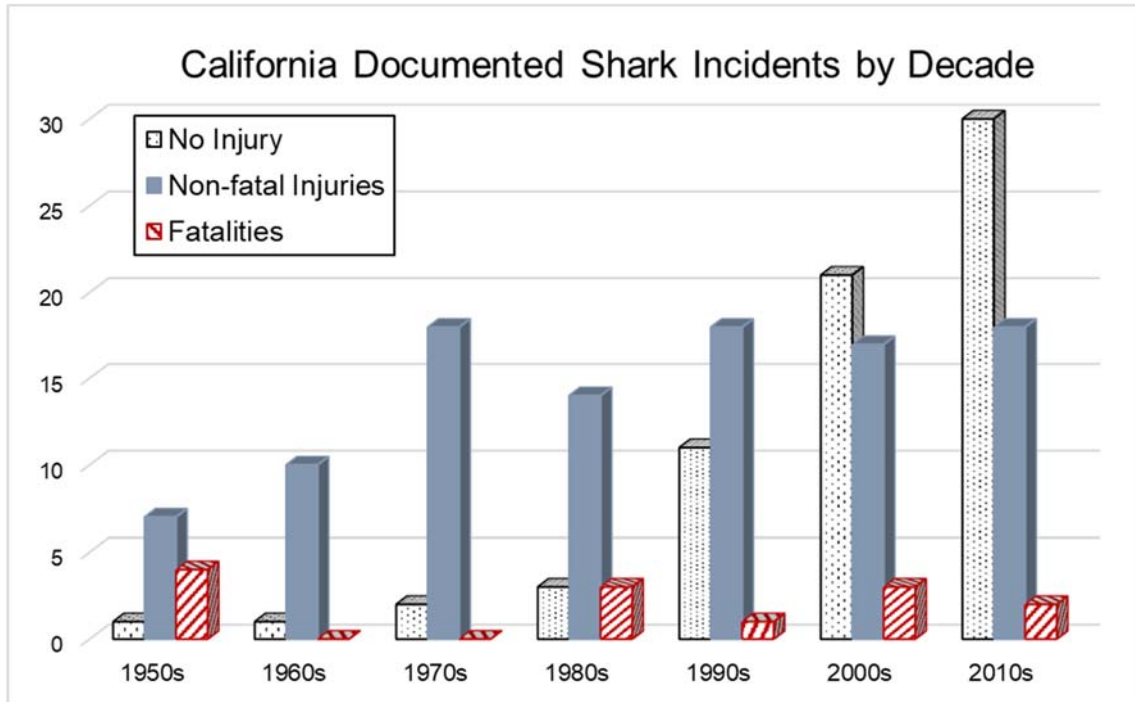




Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2019*



Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	74
Freediving	33
Kayaking	24
Swimming	20
Scuba Diving	17
Hookah Diving	10
Paddle Boarding	6
Total	184

Location

County / Island	Number
Del Norte	3
Humboldt	16
Mendocino	5
Sonoma	12
Marin	16
San Francisco	2
Island - Farallones	7
San Mateo	18
Santa Cruz	12
Monterey	16
San Luis Obispo	12
Santa Barbara	18
Island - San Miguel	4
Ventura	2
Island - San Nicolas	1
Los Angeles	8
Island - Catalina	2
Orange	9
San Diego	21
Total	184

Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	13
Non-Fatal	102
None	69
Total	184

Shark Species

Species	Number
White ⁺	163
Blue	3
Hammerhead	2
Other / Unknown	16
Total	184

⁺Includes unconfirmed but likely white sharks.

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.

*As of January 2019. Some previously reported incidents removed.