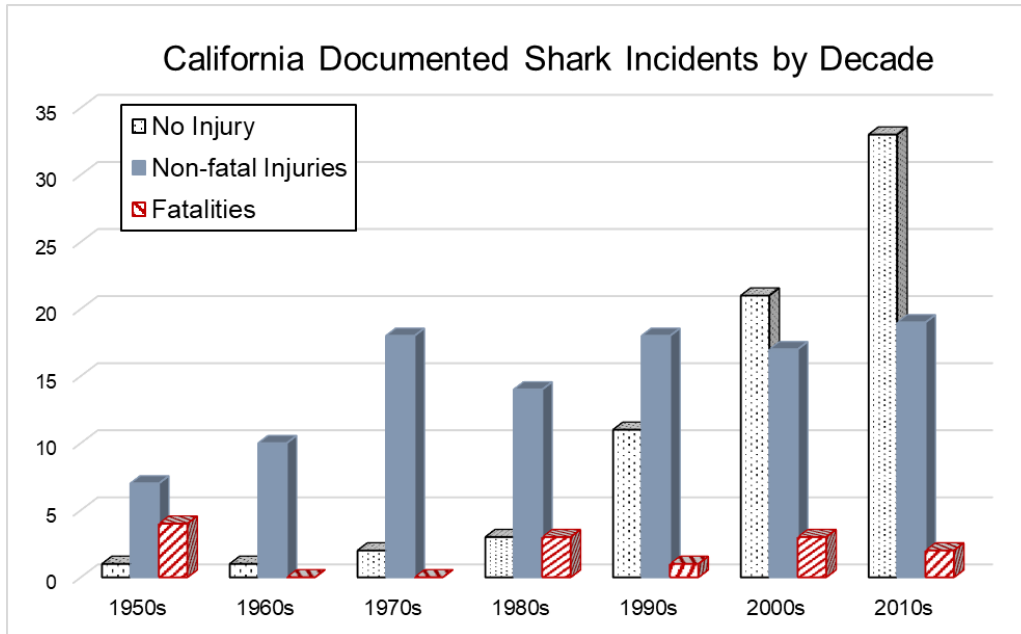




# Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2020\*



## Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	77
Freediving	33
Kayaking	25
Swimming	20
Scuba Diving	17
Hookah Diving	10
Paddle Boarding	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

## Shark Species

Species	Number
White <sup>+</sup>	166
Blue	3
Hammerhead	2
Other / Unknown	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

<sup>+</sup>Includes unconfirmed but likely white sharks.

## Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	13
Non-Fatal	103
None	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

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	16
Mendocino	5
Sonoma	13
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
Island - Santa Rosa	1
Los Angeles	8
Island - Catalina	3
Orange	9
San Diego	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>

\*As of January 1, 2020