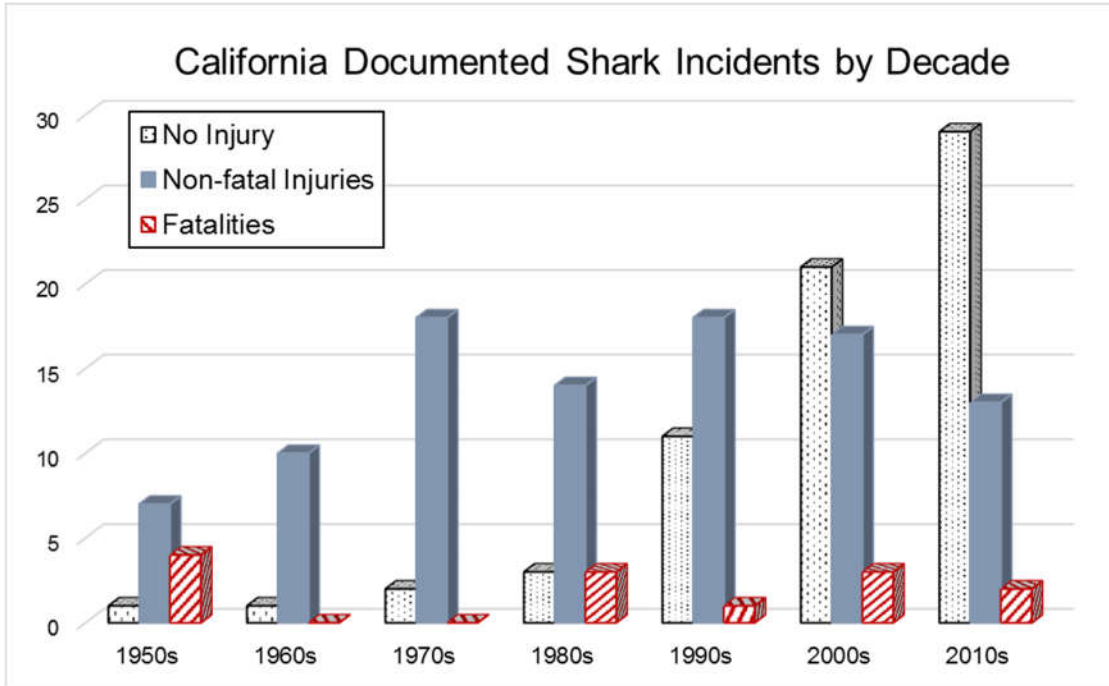




Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2017*



Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	72
Freediving	31
Kayaking	23
Swimming	19
Scuba Diving	16
Hookah Diving	10
Paddle Boarding	6
Total	177

Location

County / Island	Number
Del Norte	3
Humboldt	16
Mendocino	5
Sonoma	12
Marin	15
San Francisco	2
Island - Farallones	6
San Mateo	18
Santa Cruz	12
Monterey	15
San Luis Obispo	11
Santa Barbara	18
Island - San Miguel	4
Ventura	2
Island - San Nicolas	1
Los Angeles	8
Island - Catalina	2
Orange	7
San Diego	20
Total	177

Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	13
Non-Fatal	97
None	67
Total	177

Shark Species

Species	Number
White ⁺	157
Blue	3
Hammerhead	2
Other / Unknown	15
Total	177

⁺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 September 2017. Some previously reported incidents removed.