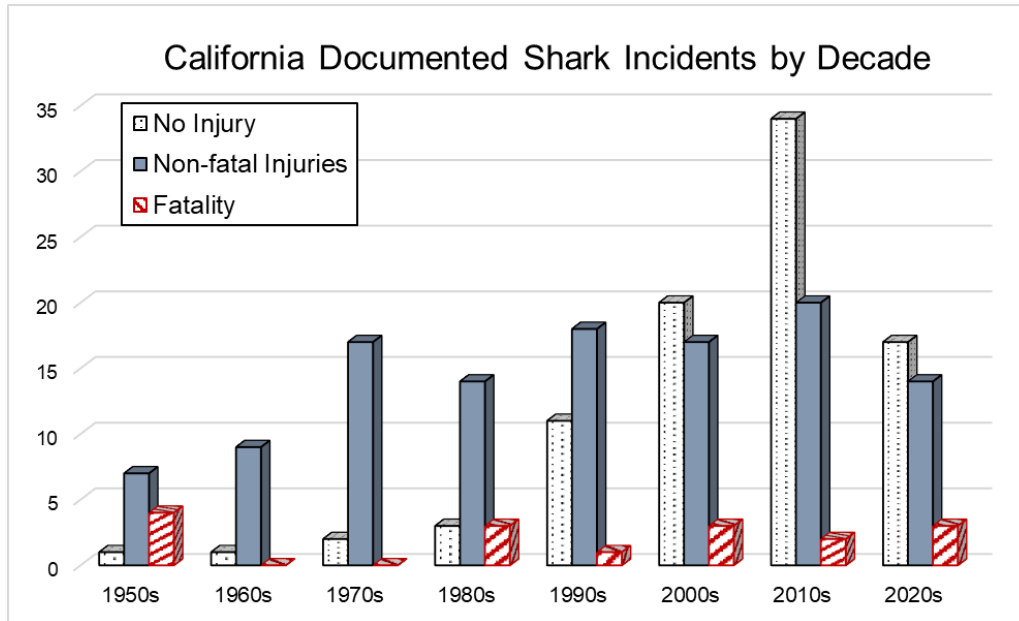




Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2025*



Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	88
Freediving	35
Kayaking / Canoeing	33
Swimming	26
Scuba Diving	19
Hookah Diving	11
Paddle Boarding	9
Total	221

Location

County / Island	Number
Del Norte	3
Humboldt	19
Mendocino	6
Sonoma	15
Marin	18
San Francisco	2
Island - Farallones	8
San Mateo	20
Santa Cruz	15
Monterey	18
San Luis Obispo	16
Santa Barbara	21
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	11
San Diego	25
Total	221

Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	16
Non-Fatal	116
None	89
Total	221

Shark Species

Species	Number
White ⁺	193
Hammerhead	3
Blue	2
Other / Unknown	23
Total	221

⁺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 Jan. 23, 2025 - some previously recorded incidents have been removed after review of documentation.