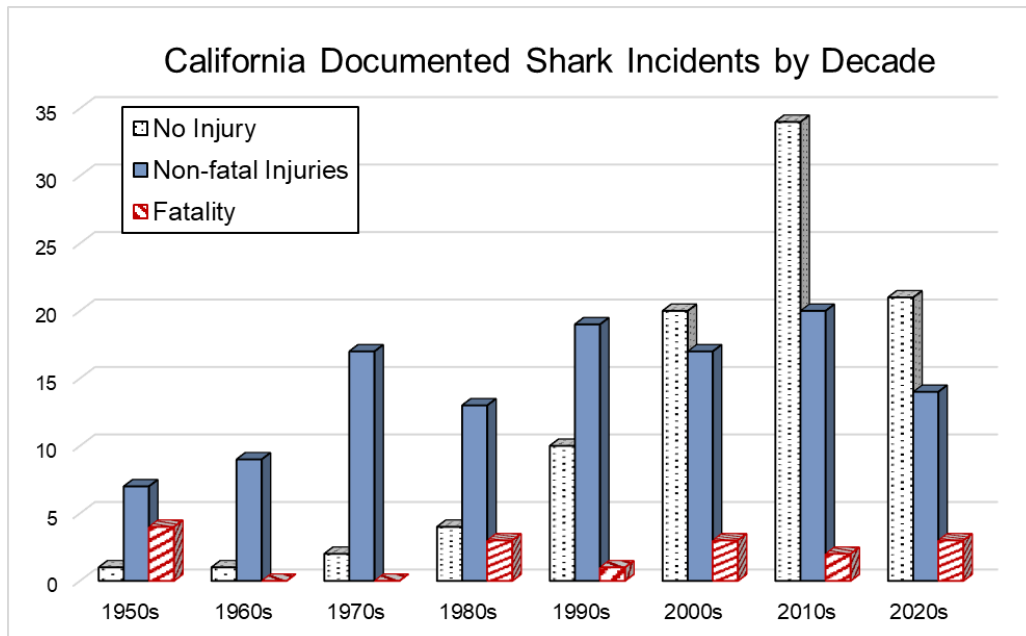




# Summary of Documented California Shark Incidents 1950 – 2025\*



## Activities

Activity	Number
Surfing / Boarding	88
Freediving	35
Kayaking / Canoeing	35
Swimming	28
Scuba Diving	19
Hookah Diving	11
Paddle Boarding	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>

## Shark Species

Species	Number
White*	197
Hammerhead	3
Blue	2
Other / Unknown	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>

\*Includes unconfirmed but likely white sharks.

## Injury Type

Injury	Number
Fatal	16
Non-Fatal	116
None	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</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 kayak, surfboard, 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	4
Humboldt	19
Mendocino	6
Sonoma	15
Marin	18
San Francisco	2
Island - Farallones	8
San Mateo	21
Santa Cruz	16
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	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>

\*As of July 25, 2025 - some previously recorded incidents have been removed after review of documentation.