

# Queuing for the top of the world

The 2019 climbing season saw Mount Everest become more overcrowded than any year since it was first conquered in 1953 by *Edmund Hillary* and *Tenzing Norgay*

1,200

**KEY** *Failed attempts at summit*

*Successfully reaches summit*

*Dies in attempt*

## SHARP DIP IN DATA

**2014:** Icefall kills 16 sherpas. Out of respect, many expeditions called-off

**2015:** Earthquake and subsequent deadly avalanche ends climbing season

## TOTALS

Attempts: **23,917**  
Summits: **10,050**  
Deaths: **291**

1,000

800

600

400

200

0

## NUMBERS OF CLIMBERS, 1953-2019

Note: Data reflects climbers and sherpas. "Attempts" shows those who went above base camp. Of those who summited, 75 died during descent



May 29, 1953: Hillary and Norgay