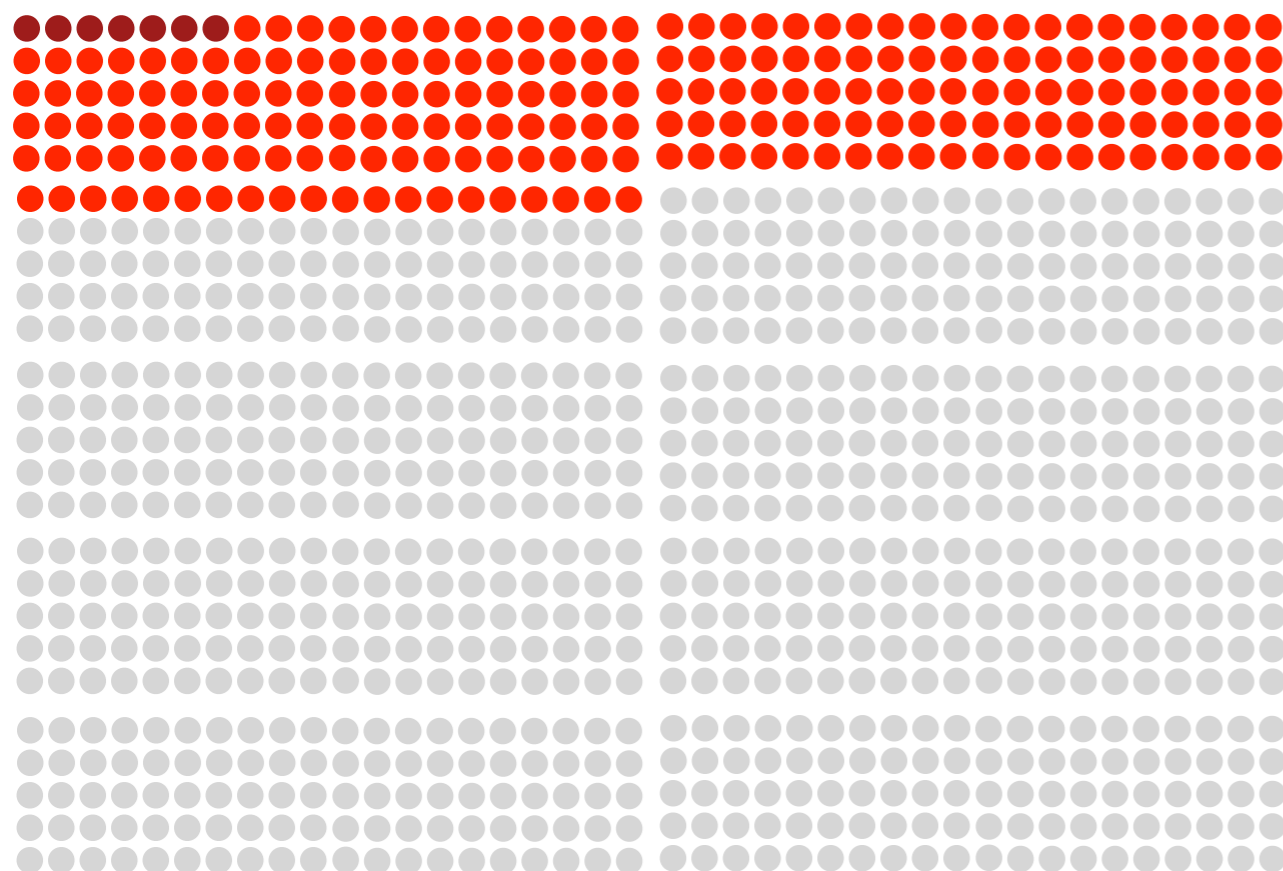


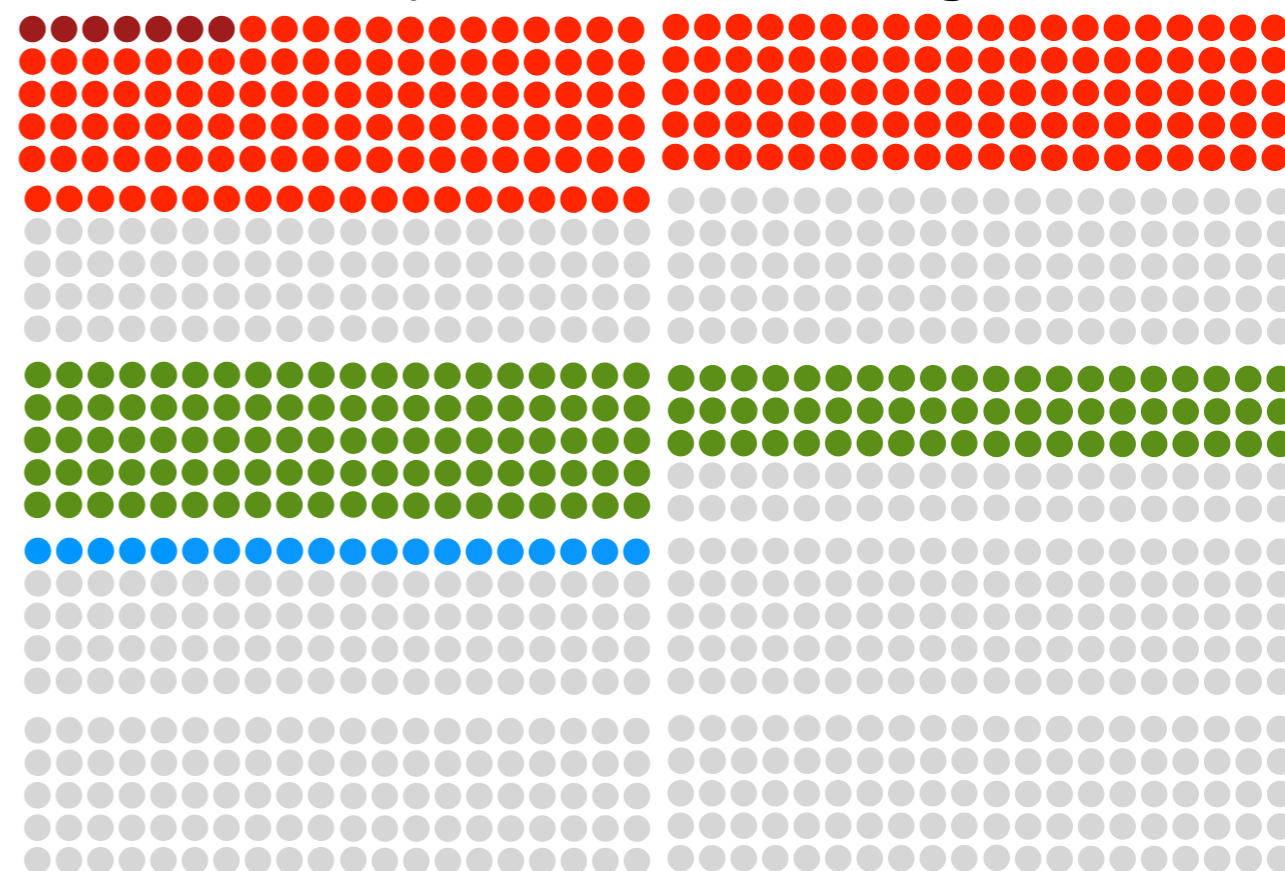
Early detection of prostate cancer with PSA testing and a digital rectal exam






Numbers for men aged 50 years or older who either did or did not participate in prostate cancer screening for approximately 11 years.

1,000 men without screening



1,000 men with screening



	How many men died from prostate cancer?	7	7
	How many men died from any cause?	210	210
	How many men without prostate cancer experienced false alarms and unnecessarily had tissue samples removed (biopsy)?	-	160
	How many men with non-progressive prostate cancer were unnecessarily diagnosed or treated*?	-	20
	Remaining men		

*E.g. treatments that include removal of the prostate gland (prostatectomy) or radiation therapy which can lead to incontinence and impotence.

Source: Ilic et al. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 2013(1):CD004876.

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