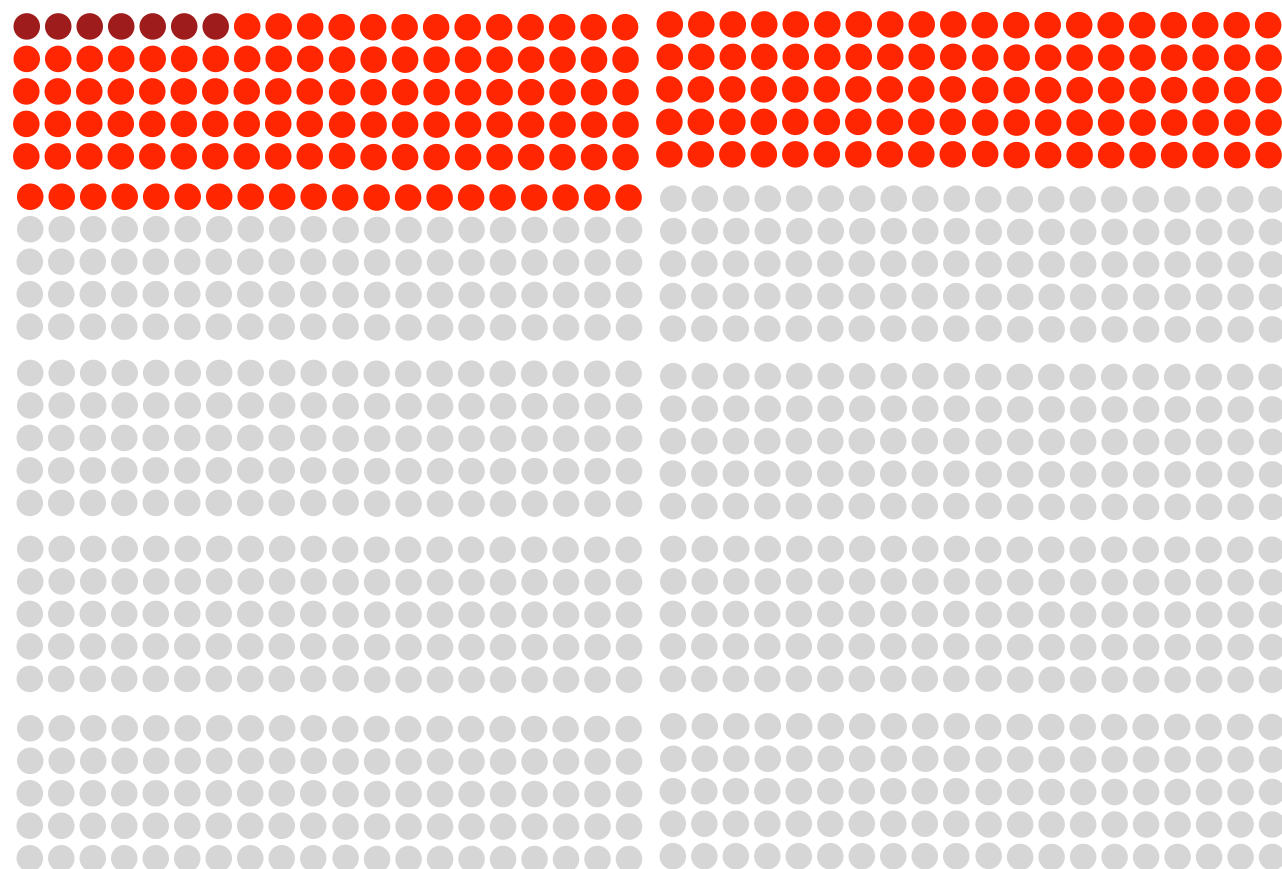


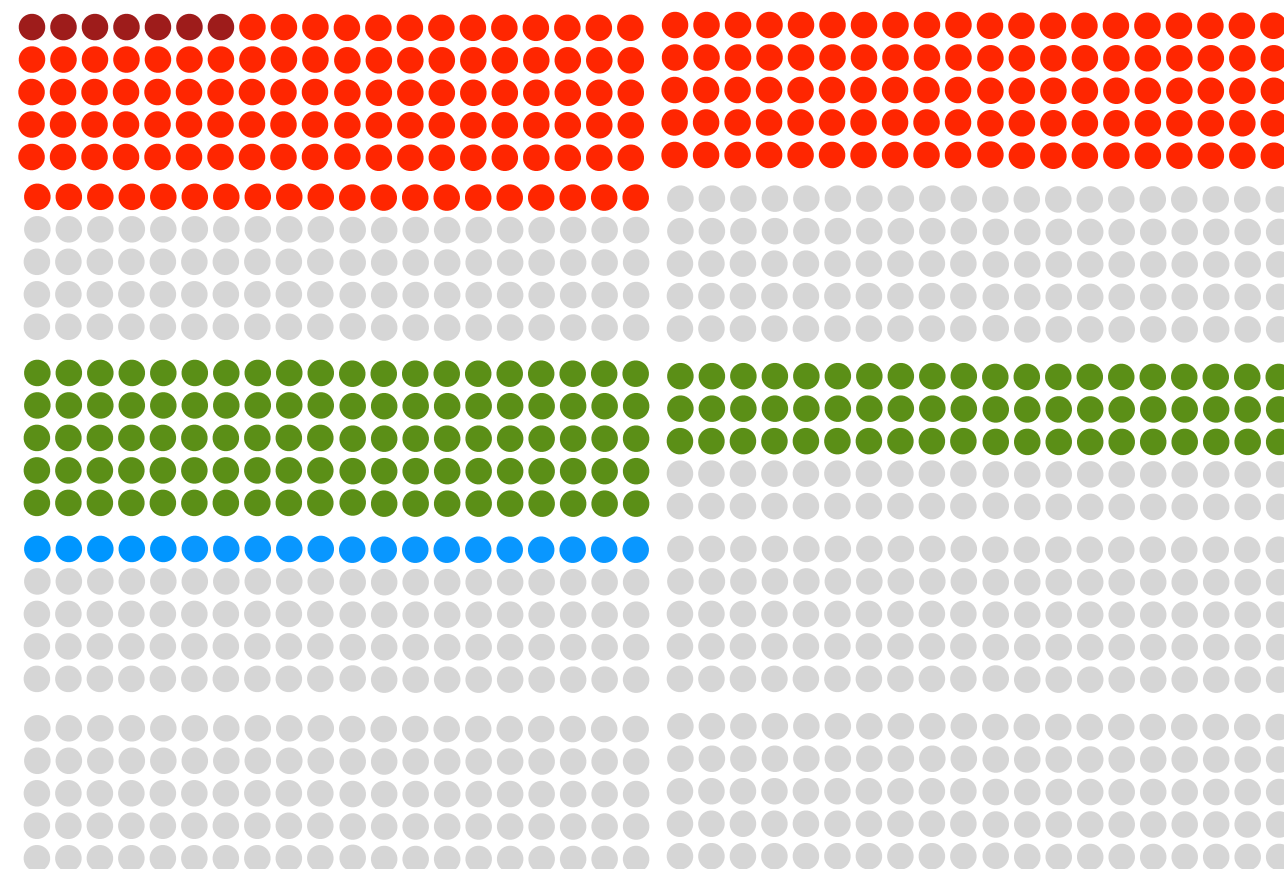
# Early detection of prostate cancer with PSA testing and a digital rectal exam






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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