

Table 2. Crude and age-adjusted point prevalence of ALS by geographic area and all study areas combined, December 31, 2003.

Location	Population	Number of ALS Cases Identified	Prevalence per 100,000 ^a (95% CI)	
			Crude	Age-adjusted ^b
San Antonio (Bexar County)	1,463,537	30	2.1 (1.3 – 2.9)	2.2 (1.5 – 3.2)
El Paso (El Paso County)	707,385	7	1.0 (0.4 – 2.0)	1.2 (0.5 – 2.5)
19-county area surrounding Lubbock	429,442	5	1.2 (0.4 – 2.7)	1.2 (0.4 – 2.8)
All study areas combined	2,600,364	42	1.6 (1.2 – 2.2)	1.8 (1.3 – 2.4)

ALS=amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

^aPrevalence = cases/100,000 population. Except where indicated, all values are crude prevalence estimates. The 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated by using a Poisson distribution.

^bAge-adjusted to the 2000 US Census population.