Table. Number of cases of multiple sclerosis and prevalence estimates for two Texas study areas: 19-county North Texas study area and El Paso County, 1998-2003.

	19-County North Texas Study Area			El Paso County		
	No. of Cases	Prevalence per 100,000[*] (95% CI)		No. of Cases	Prevalence per 100,000[*] (95% CI)	
Overall crude prevalence	304	71.5	(63.5-79.6)	336	49.4	(44.2-54.7)
Age-adjusted prevalence[†]	304	77.8	(69.3-87.1)	336	54.0	(48.3-60.1)
Sex						
Women	244	113.9	(99.6-128.2)	266	75.6	(66.5-84.6)
Men	60	28.5	(21.7-36.7)	70	21.4	(16.7-27.0)
Age (years)						
<30	33	16.4	(11.3-23.0)	47	13.8	(10.2-18.4)
30-39	60	104.7	(79.9-134.8)	88	88.8	(71.2-109.3)
40-49	95	166.0	(134.3-202.9)	96	105.1	(85.1-128.3)
50-59	75	183.5	(144.3-230.0)	85	139.4	(111.3-172.4)
60-69	28	91.3	(60.7-131.9)	17	39.8	(23.2-63.7)
≥70	12	32.1	(16.6-56.0)	2	4.4	(0.5-15.9)
Unknown	1	--		1	--	
Race/ethnicity[‡]						
Hispanic	22	15.4	(9.7-23.4)	58	10.9	(8.3-14.1)
Non-Hispanic white	172	68.8	(58.6-79.1)	77	65.1	(51.4-81.3)
Non-Hispanic black	12	44.2	(22.8-77.1)	8	40.2	(17.4-79.2)
Unknown	98	--		191	--	
Other				2	--	

[*]Prevalence = cases per 100,000 population. Except where indicated, all values are crude prevalence estimates. The 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated by using a Poisson distribution.
[†]Age-adjusted to the 2000 US Census population.
[‡]Race/ethnicity was determined by information available in the medical records. This information was missing for 32% (n=98) of the MS cases in the 19-county north Texas study area and 57% (n=191) of the MS cases in El Paso County.