*Table 1 : The National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification (NS-SEC) system*

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| **NS-SEC group** | **Occupational categories** |
| **1**  **2**  **3**  **4**  **5**  **6**  **7**  **8** | Higher managerial and professional occupations  Lower managerial and professional occupations  Intermediate occupations  Small employers and own account workers  Lower supervisory and technical occupations  Semi-routine occupations  Routine occupations  Never worked and long-term unemployed |

*Table 2: FYPSEC statistics for 2002 to 2008 entry cohorts*

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|  | **Lower socio-economic groups** | **Higher socio-economic groups** | **Difference – ‘social class gap’** |
| **2002** | 10.5% | 28.4% | 17.9% |
| **2003** | 11.1% | 26.0% | 14.9% |
| **2004** | 11.2% | 27.0% | 15.8% |
| **2005** | 12.7% | 28.3% | 15.6% |
| **2006** | 12.3% | 26.9% | 14.6% |
| **2007** | 12.9% | 26.7% | 13.8% |
| **2008** | 13.7% | 27.8% | 14.1% |

Source: DBIS (2010)

*Table 3: Participation rate for POLAR=1 areas*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Rate** | **Year** | **Rate** | **Year** | **Rate** |
| **1995** | 13.6% | **2000** | 13.5% | **2005** | 15.1% |
| **1996** | 13.7% | **2001** | 14.1% | **2006** | 15.7% |
| **1997** | 13.3% | **2002** | 14.0% | **2007** | 16.8% |
| **1998** | 13.0% | **2003** | 14.0% | **2008** | 18.0% |
| **1999** | 13.3% | **2004** | 14.5% | **2009 (est)** | 19.2% |

Source : HEFCE (2011)

*Table 4: application rates for 18 year old cohorts between 2004 and 2009 in the 20% most and least deprived neighbourhoods*

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|  | **20% most deprived neighbourhoods** | **20% least deprived neighbourhoods** |
| **2004** | 19.6% | 54.5% |
| **2005** | 21.5% | 57.1% |
| **2006** | 21.8% | 51.4% |
| **2007** | 23.8% | 54.7% |
| **2008** | 26.0% | 55.9% |
| **2009** | 28.3% | 58.3% |
| **2010** | 31.7% | 62.0% |

Source: Derived from UCAS (2011) and ONS (2011)

*Figure 1 : relative growth in applications for 18 year old cohorts between 2004 and 2009 in the 20* *percent most and least deprived neighbourhoods*

Source: Derived from UCAS (2011)