

University of Leeds undergraduate degree classification 2017-18 by protected characteristic

The following data provides information on the degree classification of students completing an undergraduate (UG) course, by the following protected characteristics: age; disability; ethnicity; and gender.

During the academic year 2017-18 a total of 5,561 Home/EU UG students were due to graduate. Of these graduations, *classified* degrees accounted for 5,234. Unclassified degrees include, for example, Medical and Dental students whose degrees are not graded in the same way. This report considers only classified degrees. During 2017-18, 88% of those due to graduate with a classified degree attained a I or a II(i). For reference, a total of 5,162 students were due to graduate in 2016-17 of which 88% attained a I or II(i). In 2015-16 a total of 4,964 students were due to graduate of which 86% attained a I or II(i).

The previous two years of data are provided for comparison¹.

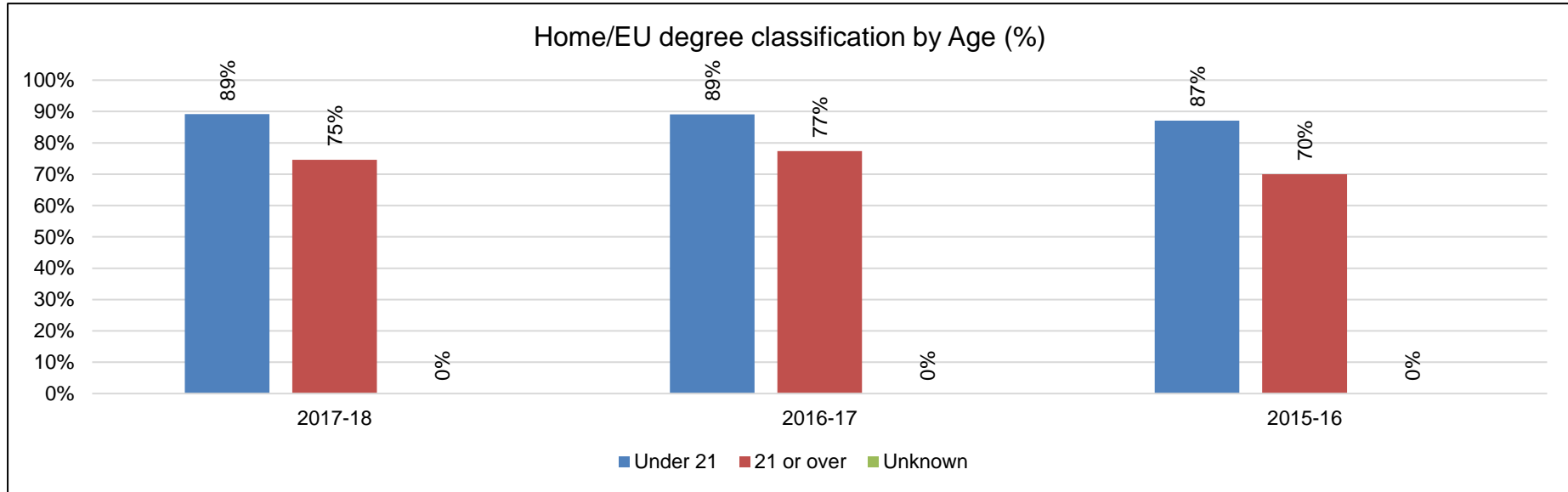
Home/EU and overseas student data has been presented separately.

Data is rounded to the nearest whole percent and therefore may not always total 100%.

¹ Due to a change of methodology in producing the latest year's data we have discovered a data discrepancy. This has led to a revision of prior year numbers in this report, using the updated methodology. The revised figures published in 2019 will form the future baseline.

Age

a) Home/EU Students

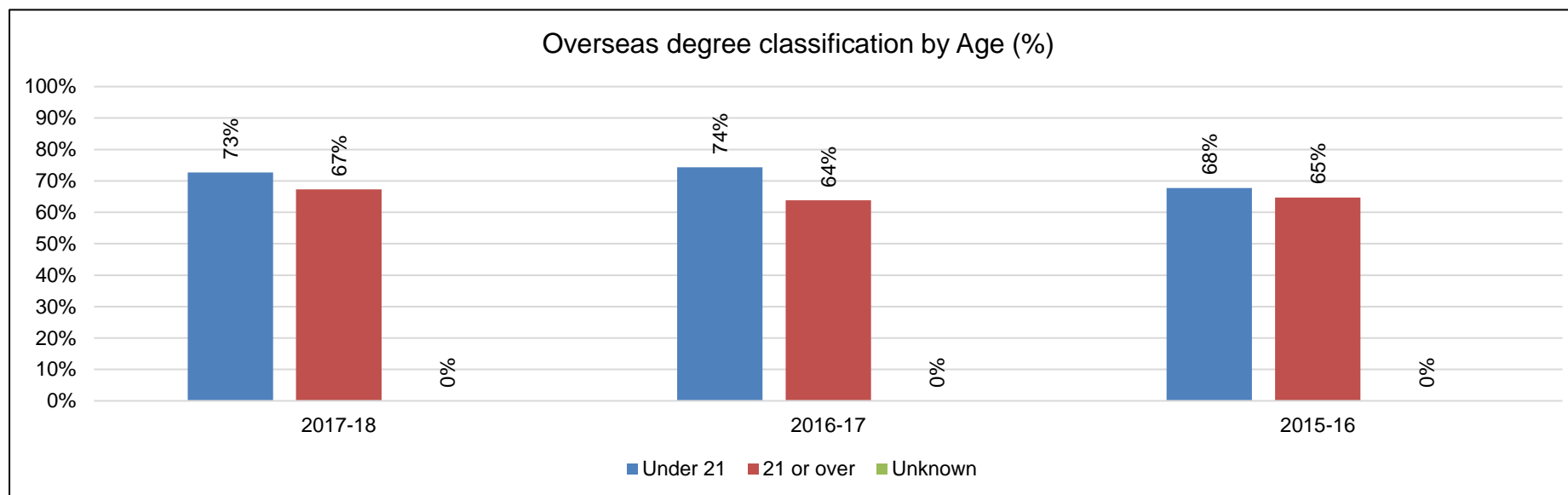


Age (Years)	2017-18			2016-17			2015-16		
	Number Students Attaining I & II(i)	Number of classified degrees due to graduate	% Students Attaining I & II(i)	Number Students Attaining I & II(i)	Number of classified degrees due to graduate	% Students Attaining I & II(i)	Number Students Attaining I & II(i)	Number of classified degrees due to graduate	% Students Attaining I & II(i)
Under 21	4,323	4,848	89%	4,258	4,782	89%	3,972	4,561	87%
21 or over	288	386	75%	294	380	77%	282	403	70%
Unknown	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

Commentary

The percentage of Home/EU UG students who were under the age of 21 and who achieved a I or II(i) increased over the three year period from 87% in 2015-16 to 89% in 2017-18. The percentage of UG students who were 21 or over and who achieved a I or II(i) increased over the three year period from 70% in 2015-16 to 75% in 2017-18.

b) Overseas Students



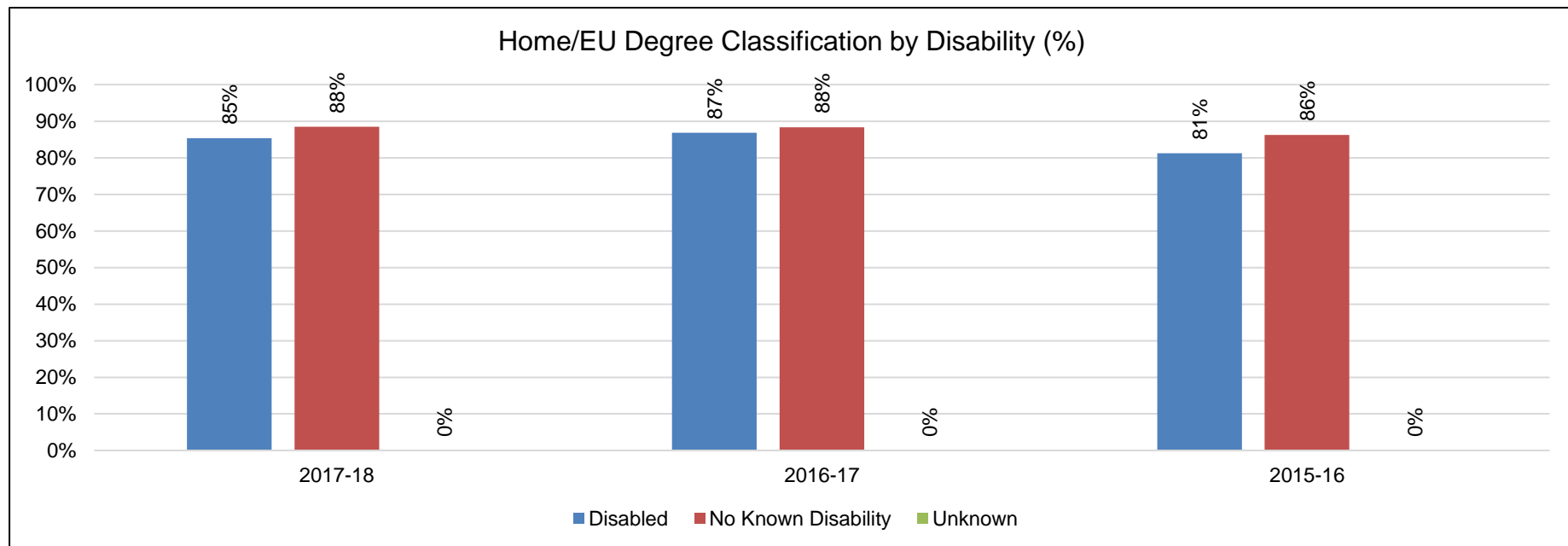
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Under 21	351	483	73%	330	444	74%	260	384	68%
21 or over	70	104	67%	74	116	64%	77	119	65%
Unknown	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

Commentary

The percentage of overseas UG students who were under the age of 21 and who achieved a I or II(i) increased over the three year period from 68% in 2015-16 to 73% in 2017-18. The percentage of UG students who were 21 or over and who achieved a I or II(i) increased over the three year period from 65% in 2015-16 to 67% in 2017-18.

Disability²

a) Home/EU Students



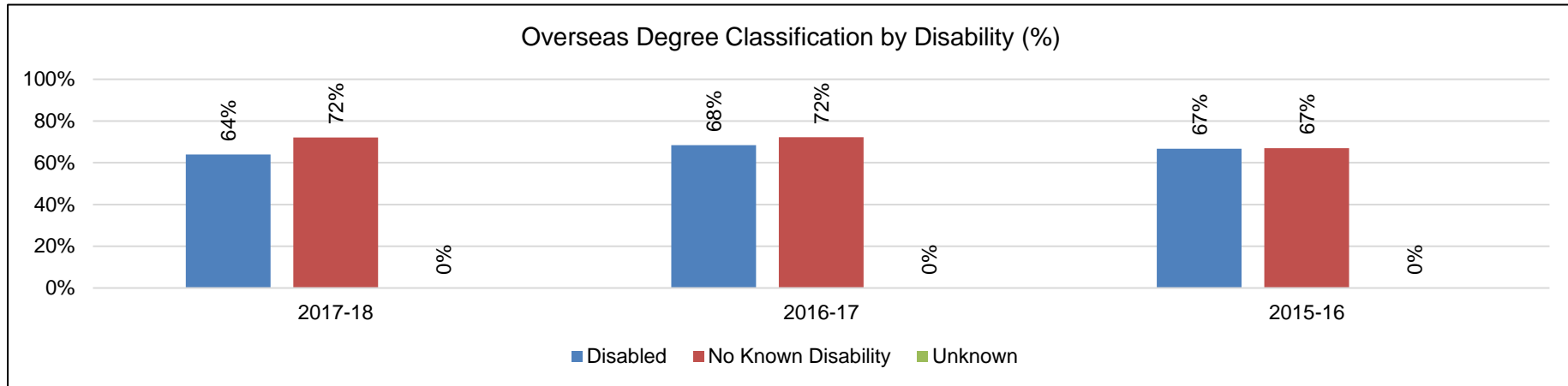
² Disability is defined under the Equality Act 2010 as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on a person's ability to carry out normal daily activities.

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Disabled	536	628	85%	527	607	87%	464	571	81%
No Known Disability	4,075	4,606	88%	4,025	4,555	88%	3,790	4,393	86%
Unknown	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

Commentary

The percentage of disabled students who attained a I or II(i) has increased over the three year period from 81% in 2015-16 to 85% in 2017-18. There has been a 2% increase in the percentage of students who attained a I or II(i) who did not declare a disability over the three year period from 86% to 88%.

b) Overseas Students



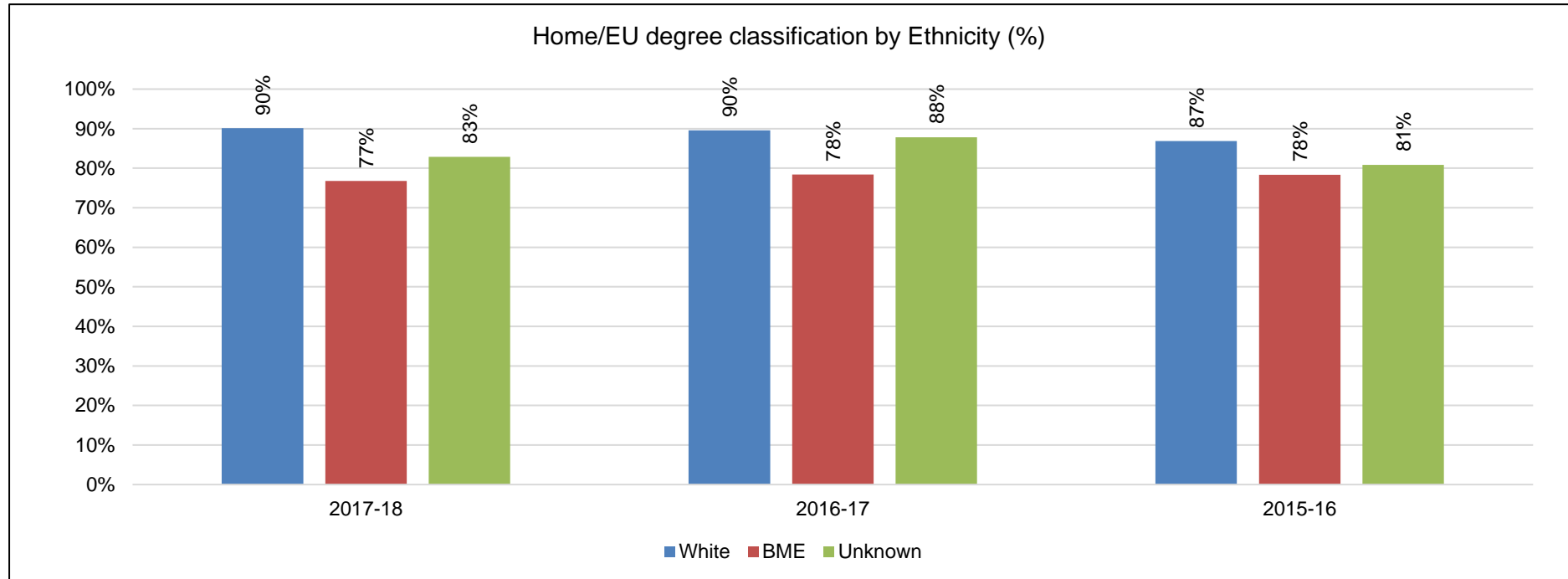
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Disabled	16	25	64%	13	19	68%	8	12	67%
No Known Disability	405	562	72%	391	541	72%	329	491	67%
Unknown	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

Commentary

The percentage of disabled students who attained a I or II(i) has decreased over the three year period from 67% in 2015-16 to 64% in 2017-18. There has been a 5% increase in the percentage of students who attained a I or II(i) who did not declare a disability over the three year period from 67% to 72%.

Ethnicity

a) Home/EU Students



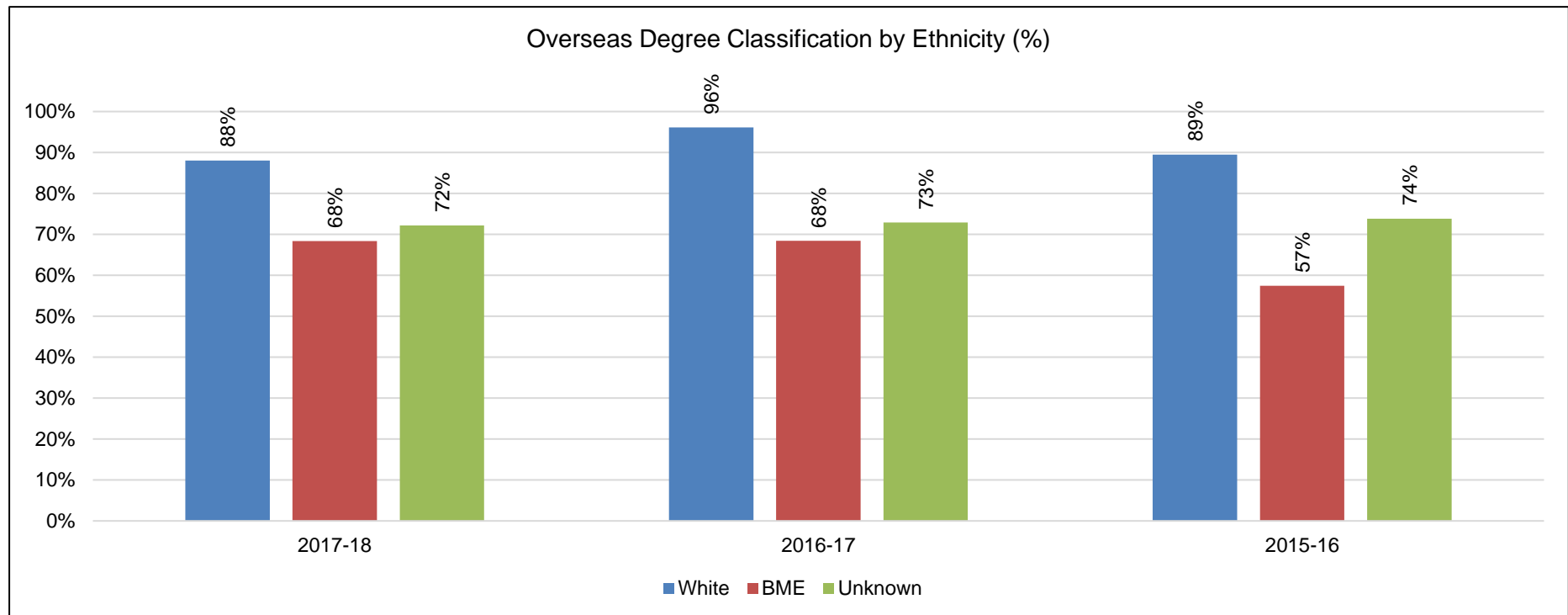
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White	3932	4363	90%	3925	4381	90%	3693	4250	87%
BME³	539	702	77%	490	625	78%	502	641	78%
Unknown	140	169	83%	137	156	88%	59	73	81%

³ BME- Black and Minority Ethnic

Commentary

The percentage of BME students who attained a I or II(i) has decreased across the three year period from 78% in 2015-16 to 77% in 2017-18. The percentage of white students who attained a I or II(i) has increased by 3% across the three year period. The attainment gap between white students and BME students has increased from 9% in 2015-16 (87% of white students and 78% of BME students attaining a I or II(i)) to 13% in 2017-18 (90% of white students and 77% of BME students attaining a I or II(i)).

b) Overseas



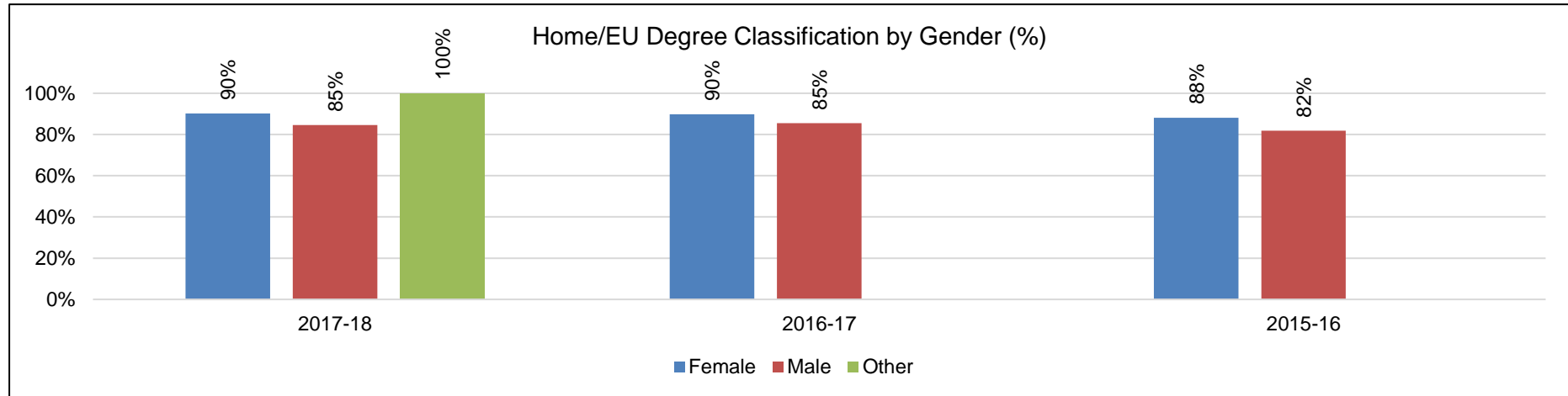
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White	22	25	88%	25	26	96%	17	19	89%
BME	119	174	68%	156	228	68%	131	228	57%
Unknown	280	388	72%	223	306	73%	189	256	74%

Commentary

The percentage of overseas UG BME students who attained a I or II(i) has increased over the three year period from 57% in 2015-16 to 68% in 2017-18. The percentage of UG white students who attained a I or II(i) decreased by 1% over the three year period from 89% to 88%. The attainment gap between white students and BME students has decreased from 32% in 2015-16 (89% of white students and 57% of BME students attaining a I or II(i)) to 20% in 2017-18 (88% of white students and 68% of BME students attaining a I or II(i)). The level of unknown ethnicity data is high for overseas graduates - 66% of those due to graduate in 2017-18 were of unknown ethnicity.

Gender

a) Home/EU

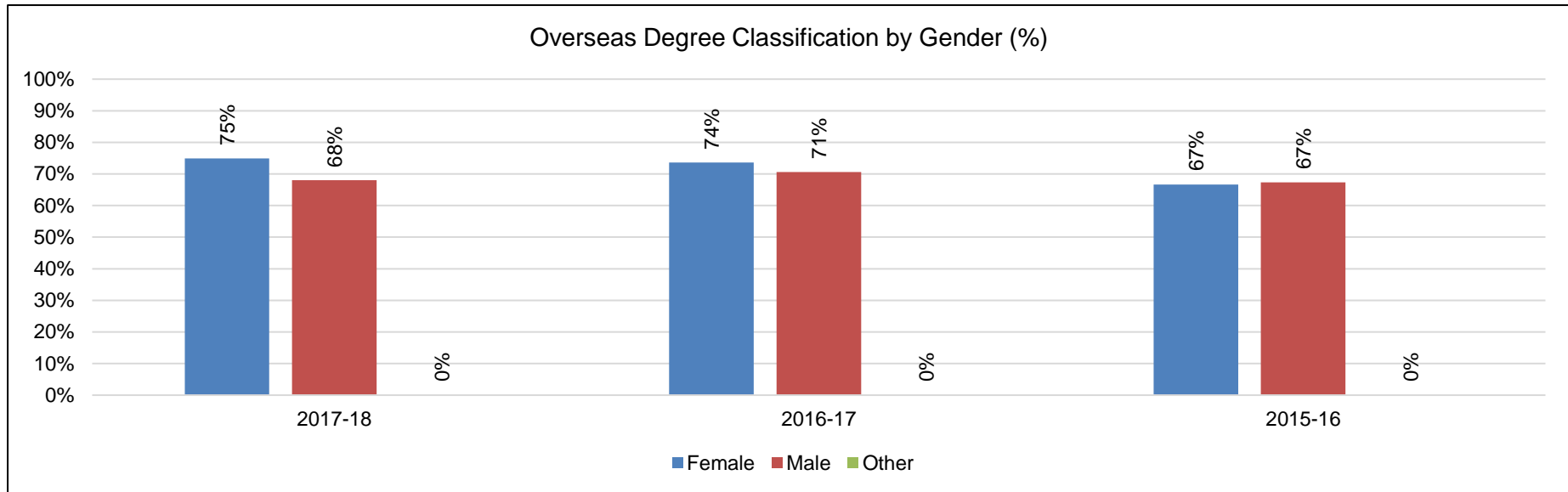


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Female	2982	3307	90%	2891	3219	90%	2687	3049	88%
Male	1627	1925	85%	1661	1943	85%	1567	1915	82%
Other	2	2	100%	0	0	-	0	0	-

Commentary

The percentage of female students who achieved a I or II(i) over the three year period increased from 88% in 2015-16 to 90% in 2017-18. The attainment rates for male students increased by 3% over the period from 82% in 2015-16 to 85% in 2017-18.

b) Overseas



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Female	236	315	75%	212	288	74%	170	255	67%
Male	185	272	68%	192	272	71%	167	248	67%
Other	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%

Commentary

The percentage of overseas students who attained a I or II(i) increased from 67% in 2015-16 to 75% in 2017-18. The percentage of male students who attained a I or II(i) increased from 67% in 2015-16 to 68% in 2017-18.