

## University of Leeds undergraduate degree classification 2018-19 by protected characteristic

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The following data provide 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 2018-19 a total of 5,990 Home/EU UG students were due to graduate. Of these graduations, *classified* degrees accounted for 5,659. 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 2018-19, 89% of those due to graduate with a classified degree attained a I or a II(i). For reference, a total of 5,234 students were due to graduate in 2017-18 of which 88% attained a I or II(i). In 2016-17 a total of 5,162 students were due to graduate of which 88% attained a I or II(i).

The previous two years of data are provided for comparison<sup>1</sup>.

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

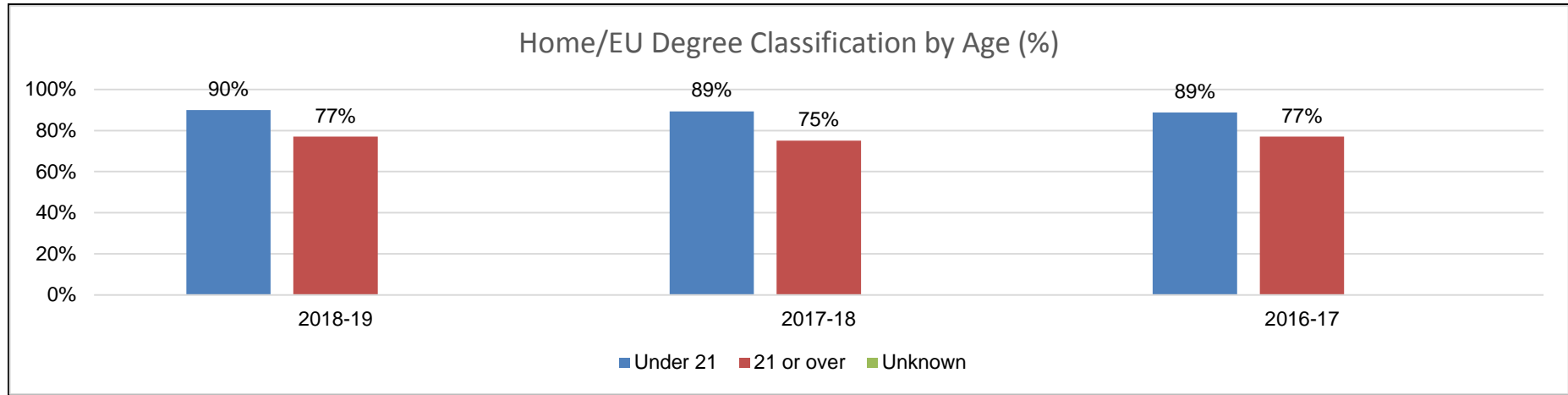
***Data are rounded to the nearest whole percent and therefore may not always total 100%.***

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<sup>1</sup> Due to a change of methodology in producing the latest two 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 now form the baseline.

# Age

## a) Home/EU Students

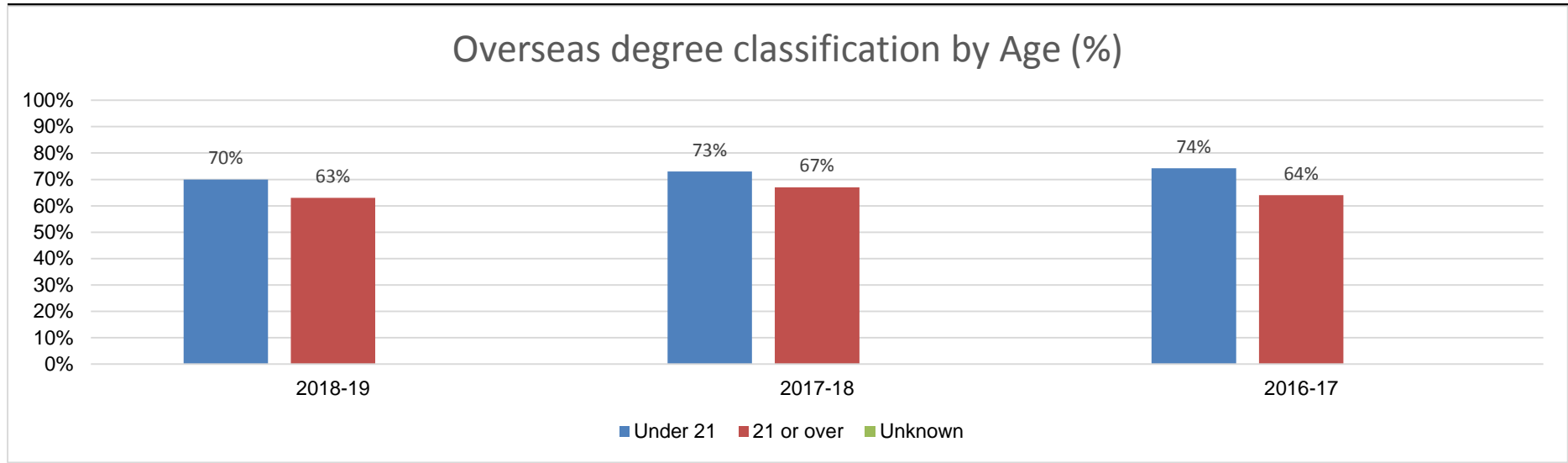


| Age (Years)       | 2018-19                             |  |                                | 2017-18                             |  |                                | 2016-17                             |  |                                |
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| <b>Under 21</b>   | 4,702                               | 5,243  | 90%                            | 4,323                               | 4,848  | 89%                            | 4,258                               | 4,782  | 89%                            |
| <b>21 or over</b> | 322                                 | 416  | 77%                            | 288                                 | 386  | 75%                            | 294                                 | 380  | 77%                            |
| <b>Unknown</b>    | 0                                   | 0  | -                              | 0                                   | 0  | -                              | 0                                   | 0  | -                              |

### Commentary

The percentage of Home/EU UG students who were under the age of 21 and achieved a I or II(i) increased over the three year period from 89% to 90%. The percentage of UG students who were 21 or over and who achieved a I or II(i) was 77%. The attainment gap is currently 13%.

## b) Overseas Students



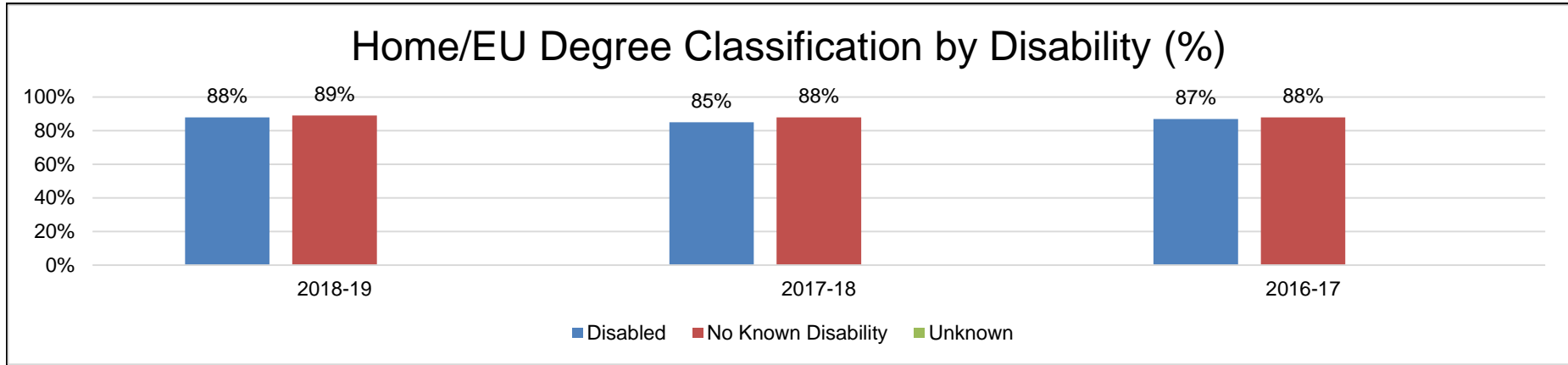
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| <b>Under 21</b>   | 354                                 | 505  | 70%                            | 351                                 | 483  | 73%                            | 330                                 | 444  | 74%                            |
| <b>21 or over</b> | 85                                  | 134  | 63%                            | 70                                  | 104  | 67%                            | 74                                  | 116  | 64%                            |
| <b>Unknown</b>    | 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) decreased over the three year period from 74% to 70%. The percentage of UG students who were 21 or over and who achieved a I or II(i) was 63%. The attainment gap has decreased from 10% to 7% during the three year period.

## Disability<sup>2</sup>

### a) Home/EU Students



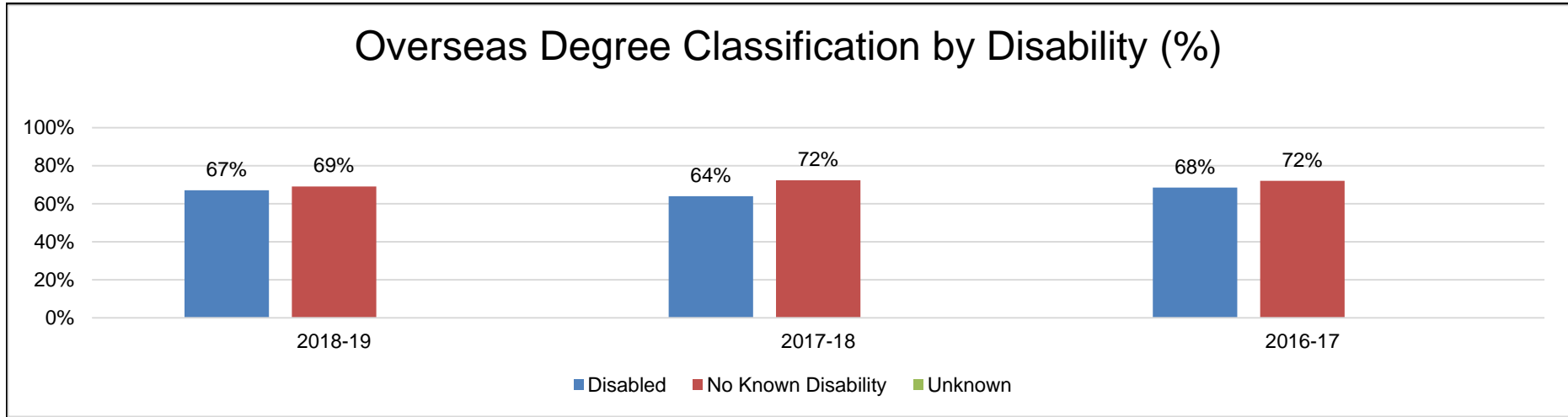
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| <b>Disabled</b>            | 668                                 | 762  | 88%                            | 536                                 | 628  | 85%                            | 527                                 | 607  | 87%                            |
| <b>No Known Disability</b> | 4,356                               | 4,897  | 89%                            | 4,075                               | 4,606  | 88%                            | 4,025                               | 4,555  | 88%                            |
| <b>Unknown</b>             | 0                                   | 0  |                                | 0                                   | 0  | 0%                             | 0                                   | 0  | 0%                             |

#### Commentary

The percentage of disabled students who attained a I or II(i) was 88%, while the percentage of students who attained a I or II(i) who did not declare a disability increased slightly to 89%. The current attainment gap is therefore 1%.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**b) Overseas Students**



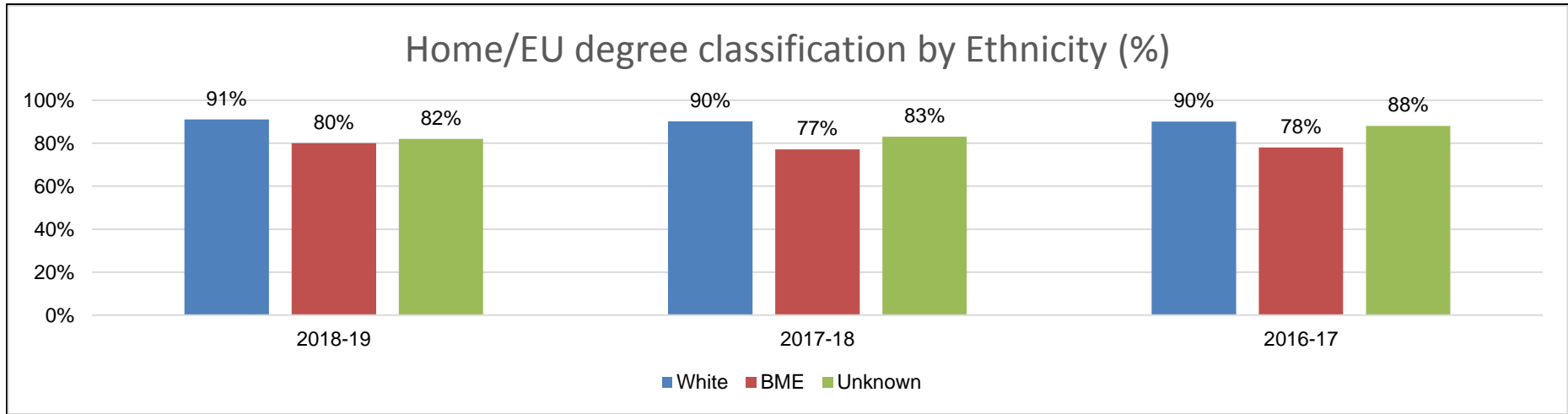
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| <b>Disabled</b>            | 20                                  | 30   | 67%                            | 16                                  | 25   | 64%                            | 13                                  | 19   | 68%                            |
| <b>No Known Disability</b> | 419                                 | 609  | 69%                            | 405                                 | 562  | 72%                            | 391                                 | 541  | 72%                            |
| <b>Unknown</b>             | 0                                   | 0  |                                | 0                                   | 0  | 0%                             | 0                                   | 0  | 0%                             |

*Commentary*

The percentage of disabled students who attained a I or II(i) was 67% while the percentage of students who attained a I or II(i) who did not declare a disability has decreased slightly over the three year period from 72% to 69%. The attainment gaps has decreased from 4% to 2% during the three year period.

# Ethnicity

## a) Home/EU Students



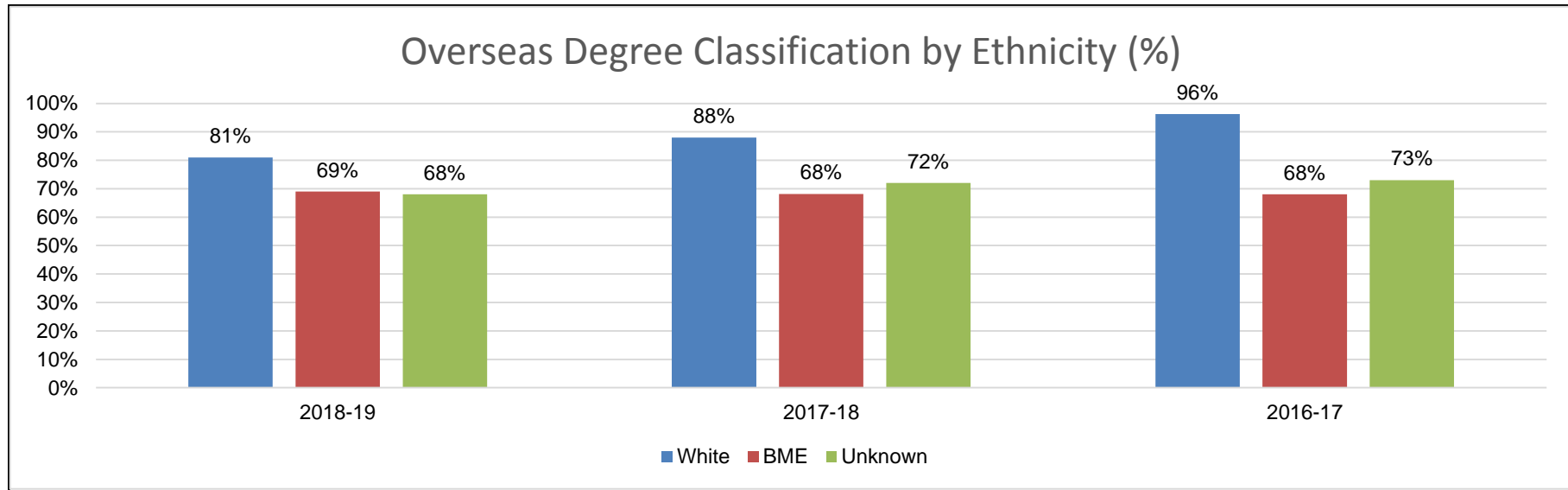
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| <b>White</b>           | 4,220                                  | 4,659  | 91%                            | 3,932                               | 4,363  | 90%                            | 3,925                               | 4,381  | 90%                            |
| <b>BME<sup>3</sup></b> | 647                                    | 808  | 80%                            | 539                                 | 702  | 77%                            | 490                                 | 625  | 78%                            |
| <b>Unknown</b>         | 157                                    | 192  | 82%                            | 140                                 | 169  | 83%                            | 137                                 | 156  | 88%                            |

### Commentary

The percentage of BME students who attained a I or II(i) has increased to 80%. The percentage of white students who attained a I or II(i) has increased by 1% to 91%. The attainment gap between white students and BME students has decreased from 12% in 2016-17 to 11% in 2018-19.

<sup>3</sup> BME- Black and Minority Ethnic

**b) Overseas**



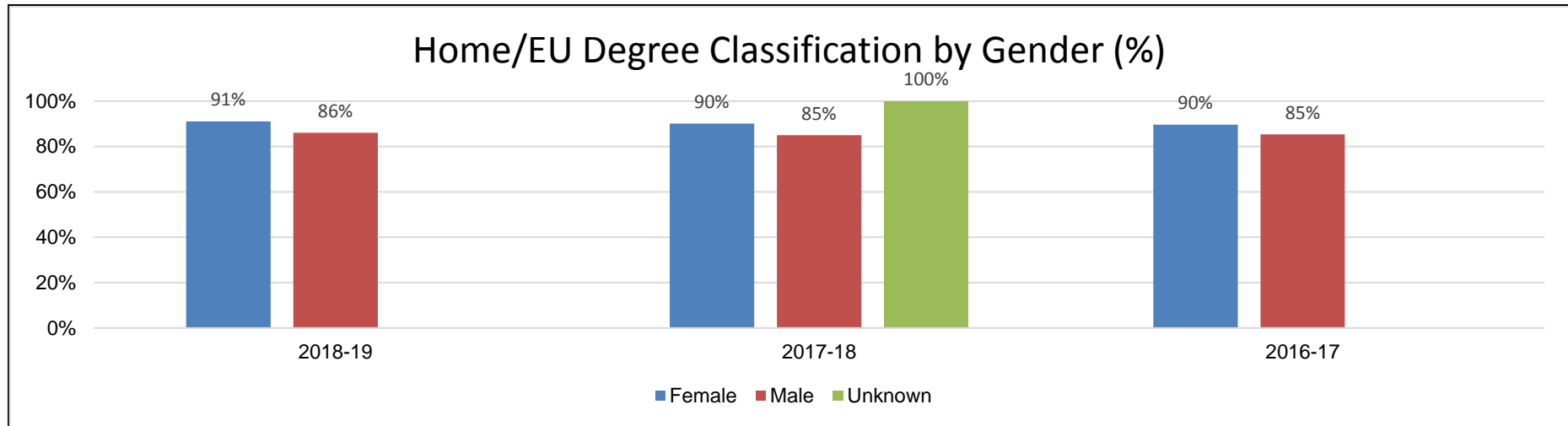
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| <b>White</b>   | 13                                     | 16   | 81%                               | 22                                     | 25   | 88%                               | 25                                     | 26   | 96%                               |
| <b>BME</b>     | 154                                    | 222  | 69%                               | 119                                    | 174  | 68%                               | 156                                    | 228  | 68%                               |
| <b>Unknown</b> | 272                                    | 401  | 68%                               | 280                                    | 388  | 72%                               | 223                                    | 306  | 73%                               |

*Commentary*

The percentage of overseas UG BME students who attained a I or II(i) has increased slightly over the three year period from 68% to 69%. The percentage of UG white students who attained a I or II(i) decreased by 15% over the three year period from 96% to 81%. The attainment gap between white students and BME students has decreased from 28% to 12%. The percentage of unknown ethnicity data is high for overseas graduates - 68% of those due to graduate in 2018-19 were of unknown ethnicity.

## Gender

### a) Home/EU



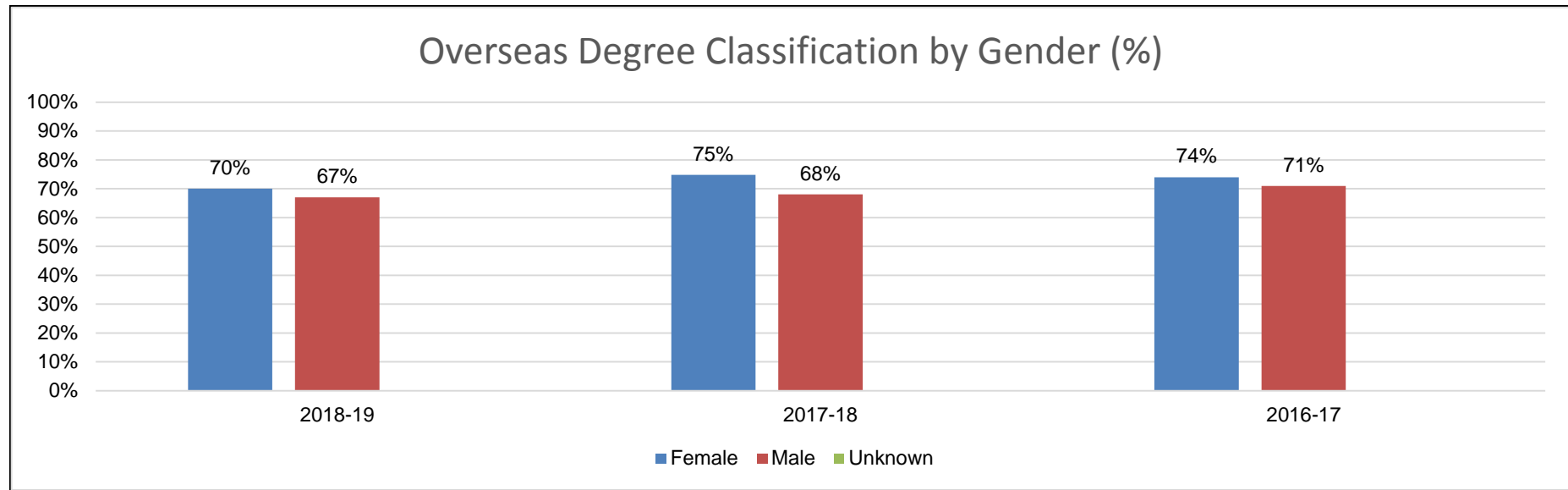
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| <b>Female</b> | 3,215                               | 3,551  | 91%                            | 2,982                               | 3,307  | 90%                            | 2,891                               | 3,219  | 90%                            |
| <b>Male</b>   | 1,803                               | 2,101  | 86%                            | 1,627                               | 1,925  | 85%                            | 1,661                               | 1,943  | 85%                            |
| <b>Other</b>  | 0                                   | 0  | -                              | 2                                   | 2  | 100%                           | 0                                   | 0  | -                              |

### Commentary

The percentage of female students who achieved a I or II(i) over the three year period increased from 90% to 91%. The attainment rates for male students also increased by 1% over the period (from 85% to 86%). The attainment gap remains at 5%.



## Overseas



|               | 2018-19                             |  |                                | 2017-18                             |  |                                | 2016-17                             |  |                                |
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| <b>Female</b> | 241                                 | 344  | 70%                            | 236                                 | 315  | 75%                            | 212                                 | 288  | 74%                            |
| <b>Male</b>   | 197                                 | 294  | 67%                            | 185                                 | 272  | 68%                            | 192                                 | 272  | 71%                            |
| <b>Other</b>  | 0                                   | 0  |                                | 0                                   | 0  | 0%                             | 0                                   | 0  | 0%                             |

### Commentary

The percentage of female overseas students who attained a I or II(i) decreased from 74% to 70%. The percentage of male students who attained a I or II(i) decreased from 71% to 67%. The attainment gap is currently 3%.