

LONDON HIGHER FACTSHEET 2020
STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION 2018/2019

1. Over 2.3 (2,383,970) million students were registered at 169 higher education (HE) providers in the UK.
2. Nearly 386,000 or 16% of the UK total, were studying at 39 HE providers in London, an increase from the previous academic year of 4,000 students.
3. By level of study there were nearly 254,000 undergraduates (66%) and nearly 132,000 postgraduates (34%) in London.
4. There were 122,000 overseas students (Other EU and Non EU) in London comprising 32% of all HE students in the capital and 25% of all overseas students studying in the UK.
5. Of the overseas students in London, 31% were from Other EU countries and 69% were from Non-EU countries.
6. Considering just UK full-time First degree students:
 - 104,000 students domiciled in London remained in the capital, making up 61% of First degree undergraduates;
 - 66,800 students came to London from the rest of the UK, mostly from the South East;
 - 133,100 students left London to study elsewhere and 46% went to the South East or the East of England.
7. Fifty-nine percent of HE students in London were women, and 32% of all students were 25 years or older.
8. BAME students made up 51% of all UK students in London, compared with 21% of UK students at all other HE providers outside of London.
9. The average number of students with a self-declared disability at an HE provider was 14%.
10. The top three subjects in London were Business & Administrative Studies (15% of all students), Creative Arts & Design (12%) and Allied Healthcare (11%).
11. Nearly 667,000 students were studying wholly overseas outside of the UK while registered at a UK HE provider or partner organisation:
 - London's 109,800 'offshore' students included 51,700 students in Asia (47%), 20,500 in Africa (19%), and 23,000 in Europe (21%).
 - Forty-six percent of London's 'offshore' students were studying through distance, flexible or distributed learning.
12. From 146,100 HE qualifications awarded in London, 43% were for First degrees and 37% were for taught Masters.

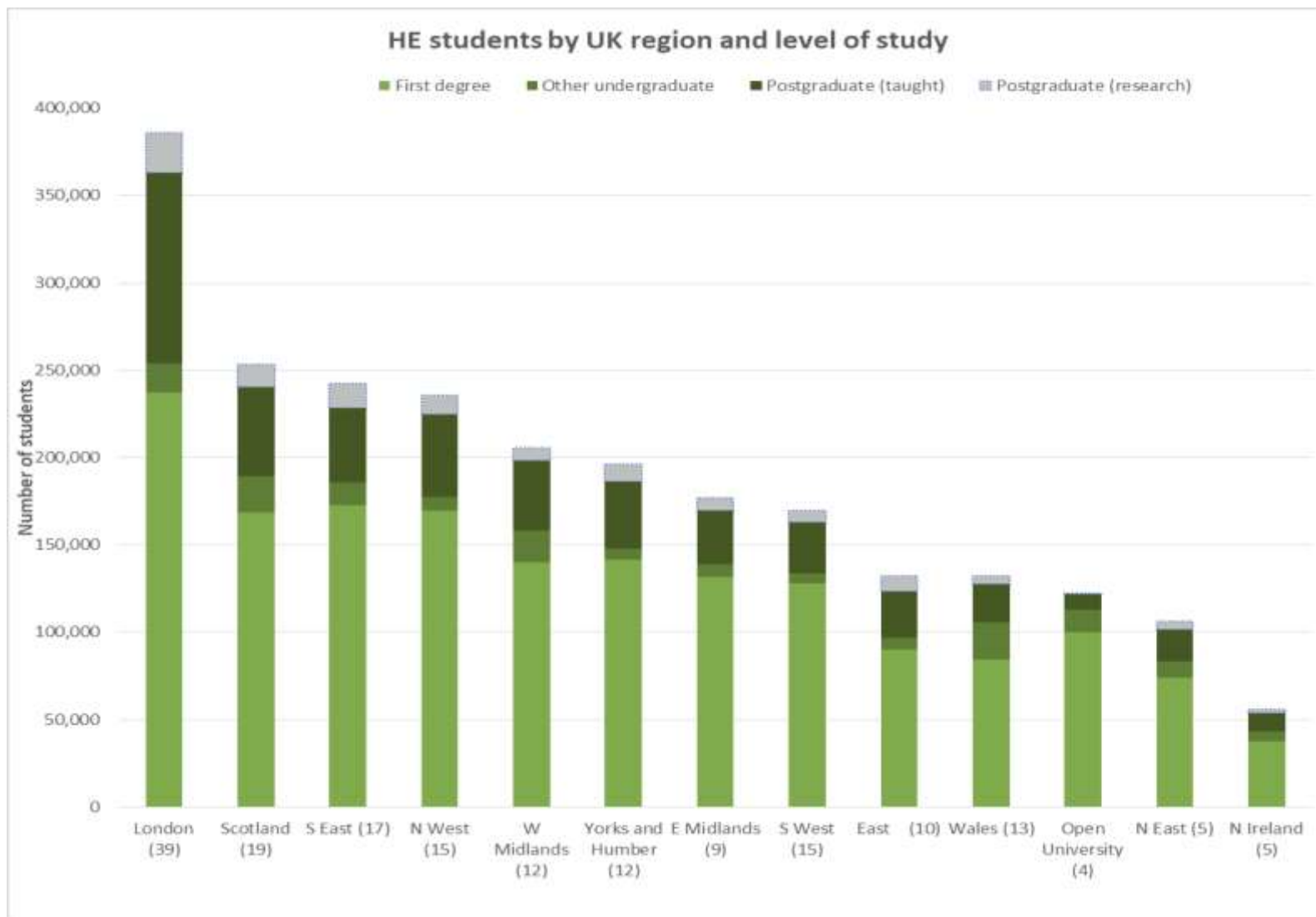
Source: [Students in Higher Education, 2018/19](#). Higher Education Statistics Agency Limited (HESA), March 2020.

Notes: All figures refer to 39 of 40 HE providers in Greater London region including Royal Holloway, University of London but excluding The Open University in London (data not available).

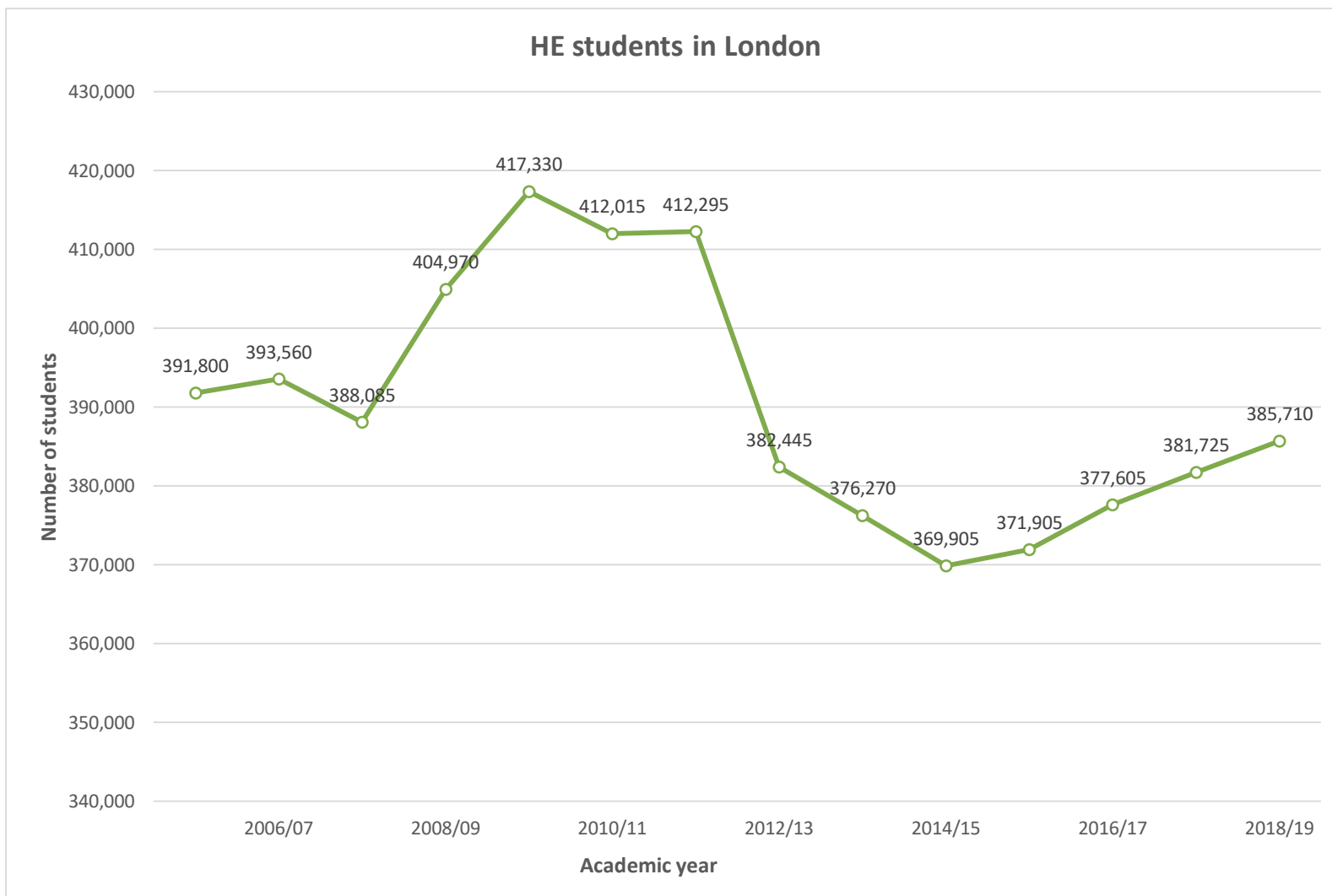
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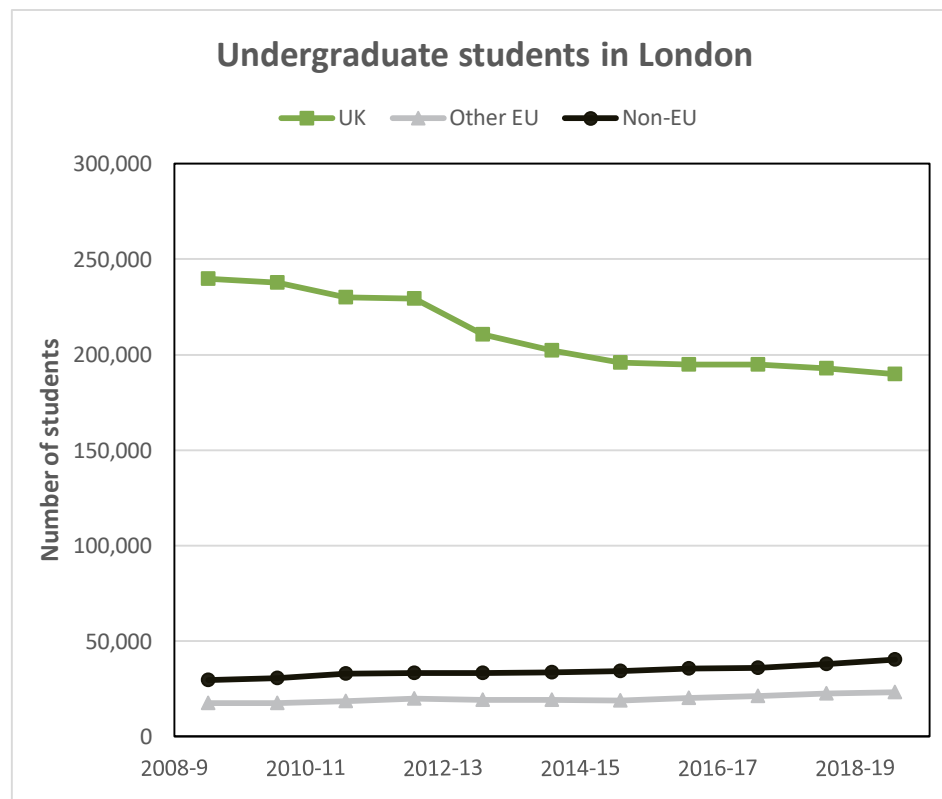
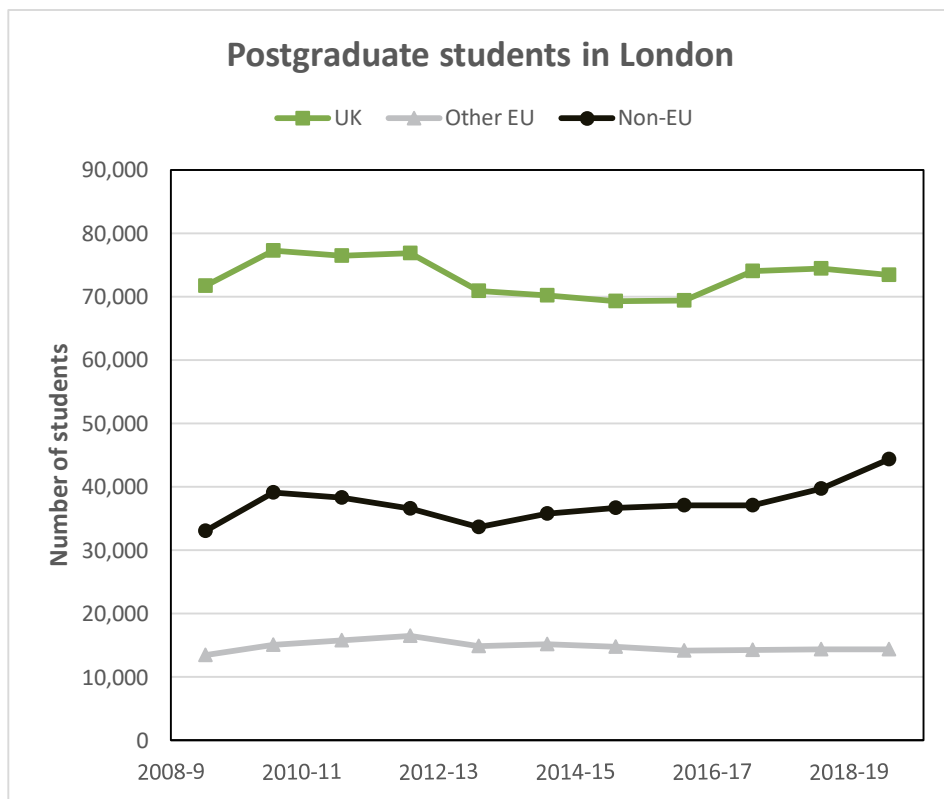
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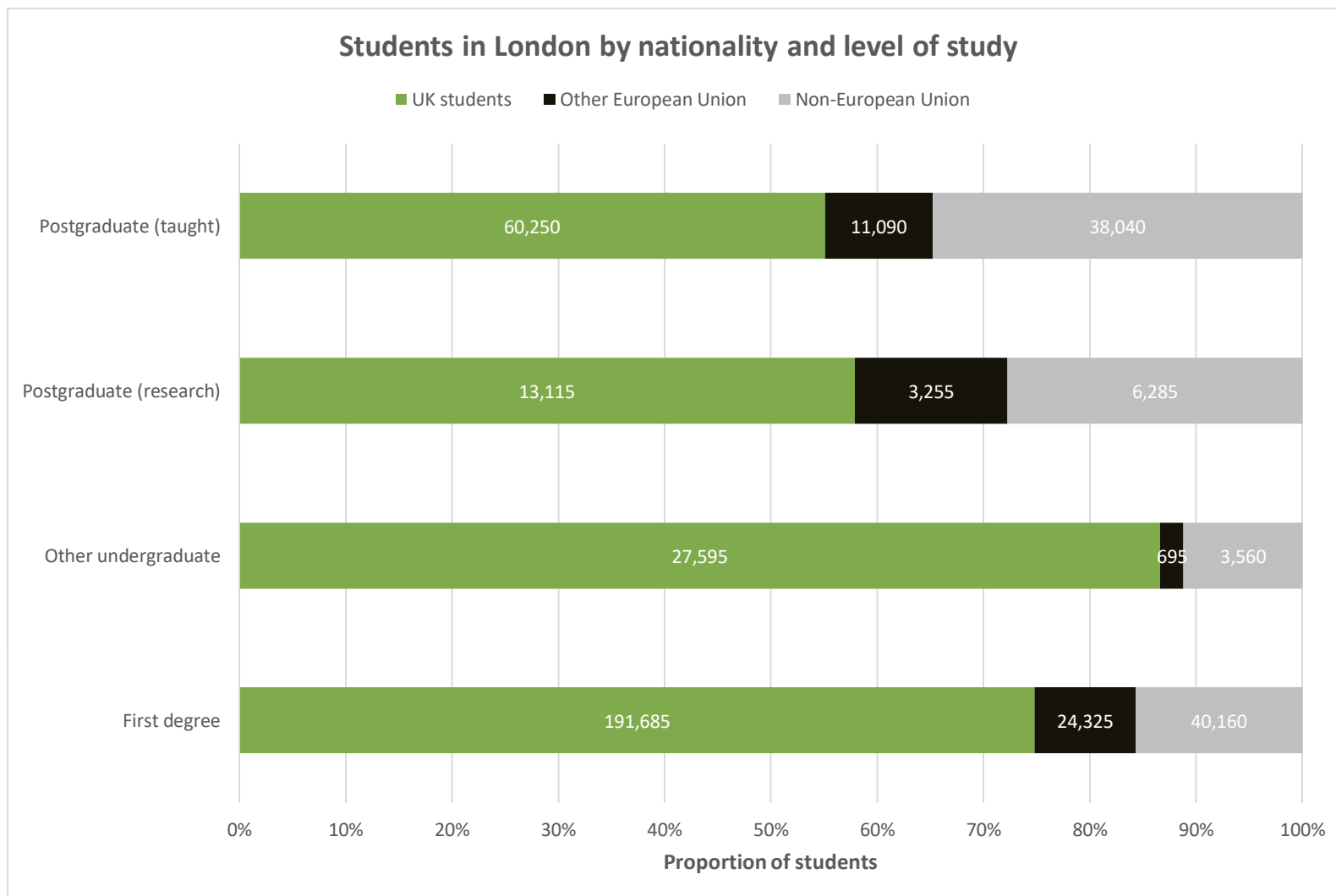
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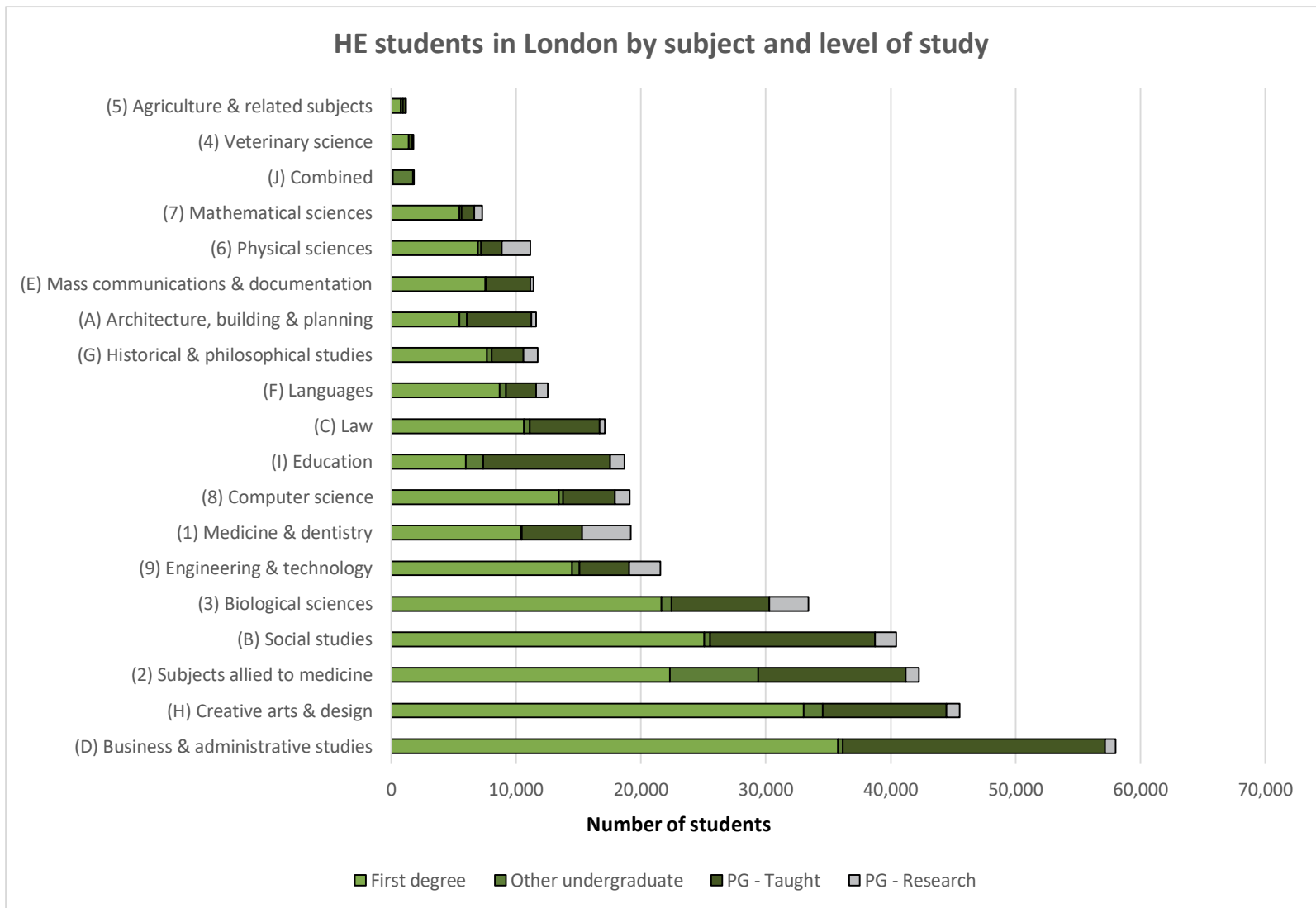


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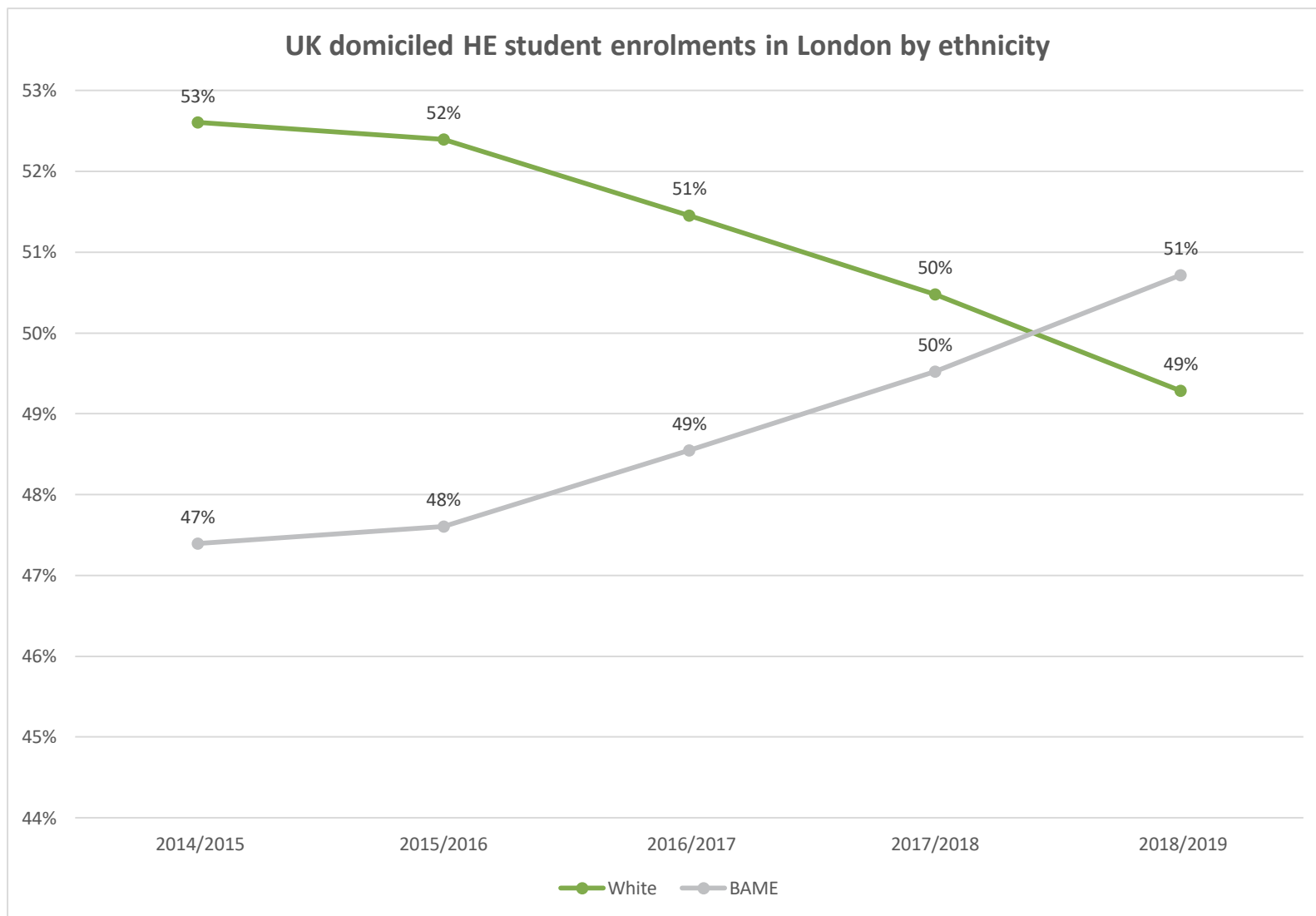


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