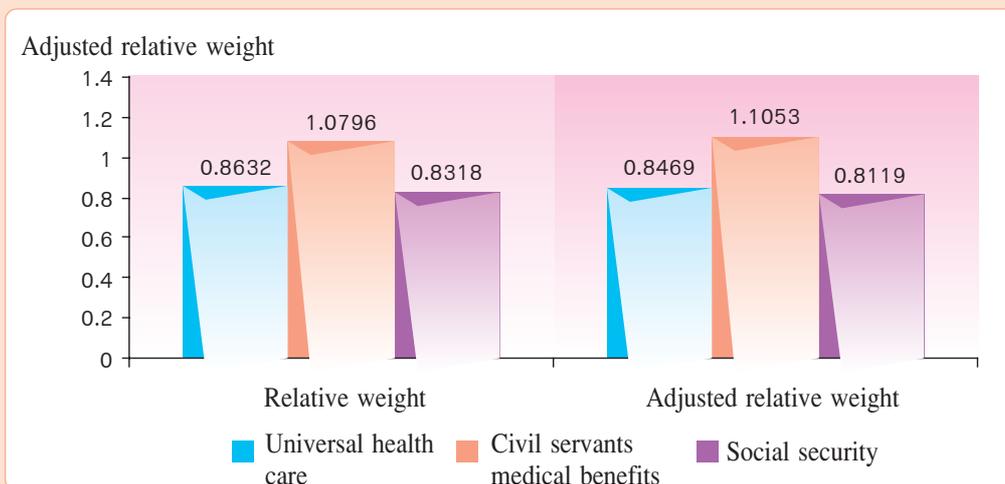


### 6.3 Average Relative Weight

Average relative weight reflects the characteristics of patients hospitalized and the necessity in the use of resources for medical treatment of each patient. However, it partly reflects the hospital's decision to admit a patient as well. The data suggest that the average relative weight of patients who are civil servants (with state medical benefits entitlement) is greater than those under the universal health care and the social security schemes; those under the social security scheme have the lowest average relative weight (Figure 6.88).

**Figure 6.88** Adjusted relative weights of inpatients under three health insurance schemes



**Source:** Piniy Faramnuayphol. Analysis of inpatient data, 2004. National Health Security Office.