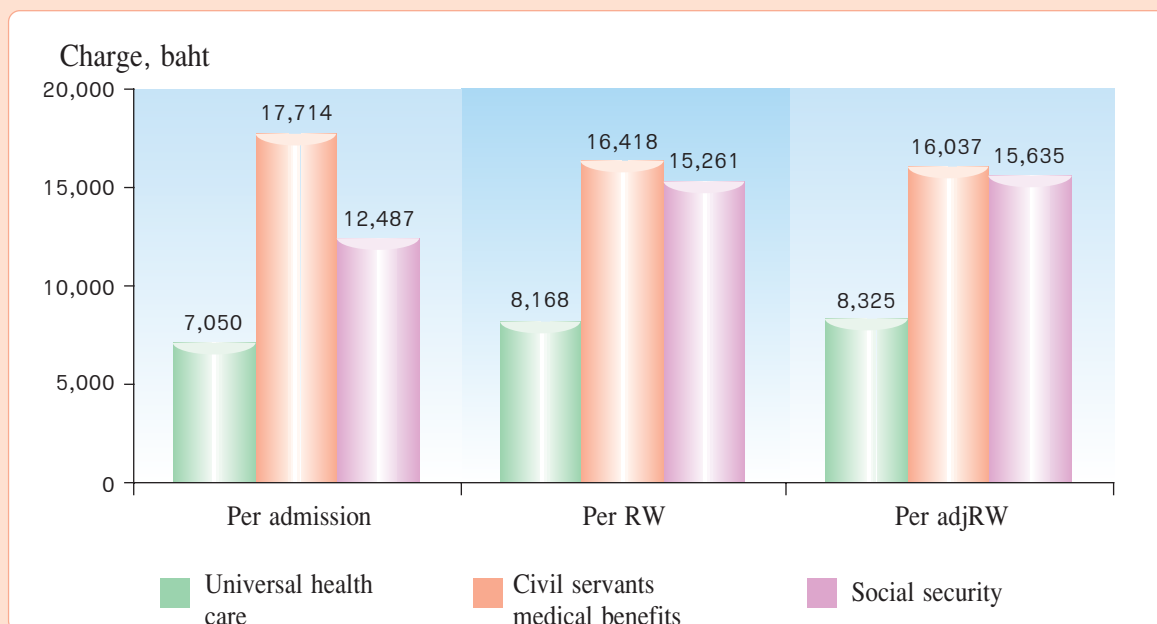


6.4 Average Charge per Relative Weight Unit

Charge per unit of relative weight reflects the cost calculation of hospital which is related to services provided, hospital costs and pricing method of each hospital. The data suggest that patients who are civil servants have the largest charge per admission, followed by those under the social security scheme. A comparison of relative weights reveals that the adjusted relative weights of civil servants and those with social security are close to each other, but two times greater than that for those under the universal healthcare scheme (Figure 6.89).



Figure 6.89 Average charges per admission, per relative weight and per adjusted relative weight of patients under three health insurance schemes



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