Big Mac index for minimum pensions

The Economist publishes the Big Mac index as an informal way of measuring purchasing power parities between two currencies. A Big Mac price is not a perfect consumer price indicator. However, one can consider Big Mac as being a standardised bundle of services and certain food items. Figure below applies the idea of the Big Mac Index to minimum pensions. It measures the number of Big Mac hamburgers a person getting a minimum pension can afford. The calculation is based on net pension after tax. According to this index, the absolute level of minimum pension protection excels in Denmark. Sweden seems to lag behind the other Nordic countries.

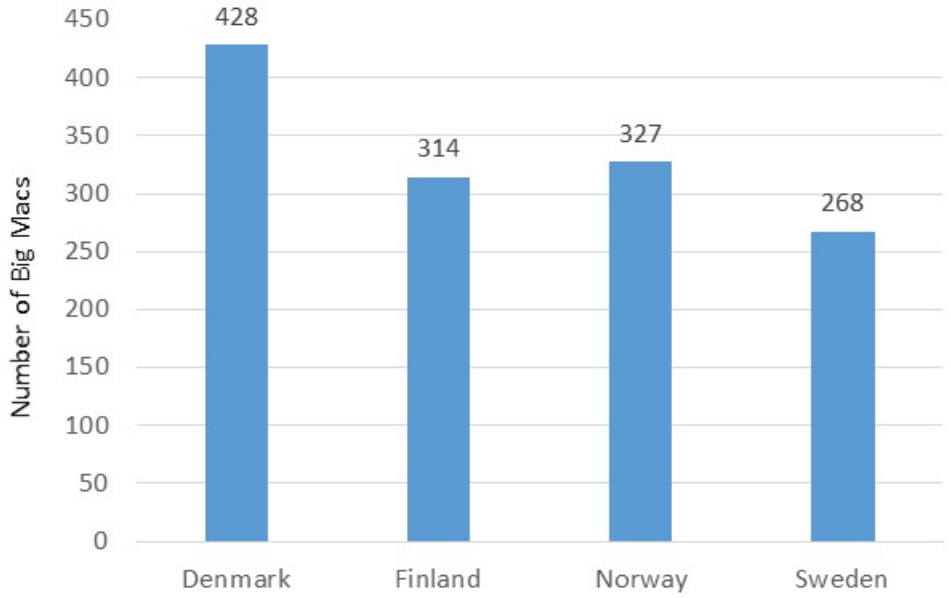

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Figure. Number of Big Mac burgers a monthly minimum net pension can buy