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- **Federal Prisoner Statistics Under the First Step Act**. Appendix C contains information on federal prisoners required by the **First Step Act of 2018**, including selected characteristics such as **marital, veteran, citizenship, and English-speaking status; educational levels; medical conditions; and participation in treatment programs**. Also included are facility-level statistics, such as the **number of assaults on staff by prisoners**.

- **Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Local Jails.** Appendices C and D present findings from the **National Prison Rape Statistics Program**, which

collects **allegations of sexual victimization directly from victims**. It provides estimates of sexual victimization in prisons and jails, including **trend data from 2011-12 to 2023-24**. Appendix D also provides a list of jails according to the **prevalence of sexual victimization**.

- **Jails in Indian Country.** Appendix D provides data on the **demographic characteristics, such as age, sex, most serious offense, and conviction status** of persons held in Indian country jails. It also describes **facility characteristics, including capacity and staffing**.

- **Probation and Parole.** Appendix E reviews characteristics of the U.S. community supervision population such as **sex, race or ethnicity, and most serious offense**. It also provides statistics on **movements onto and off community supervision** and details **types of exits**, such as completing one's term of supervision, being incarcerated, absconding, or other unsatisfactory outcomes while in the community.

- **World Pre-trial/Remand Population.** Appendix G presents the most current data available on the **number of prisoners held in pre-trial detention and other forms of remand imprisonment in 218 independent countries and dependent territories.** Also included are the percentage of pre-trial/remand detainees within each country and their **pre-trial/remand population rate**.

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