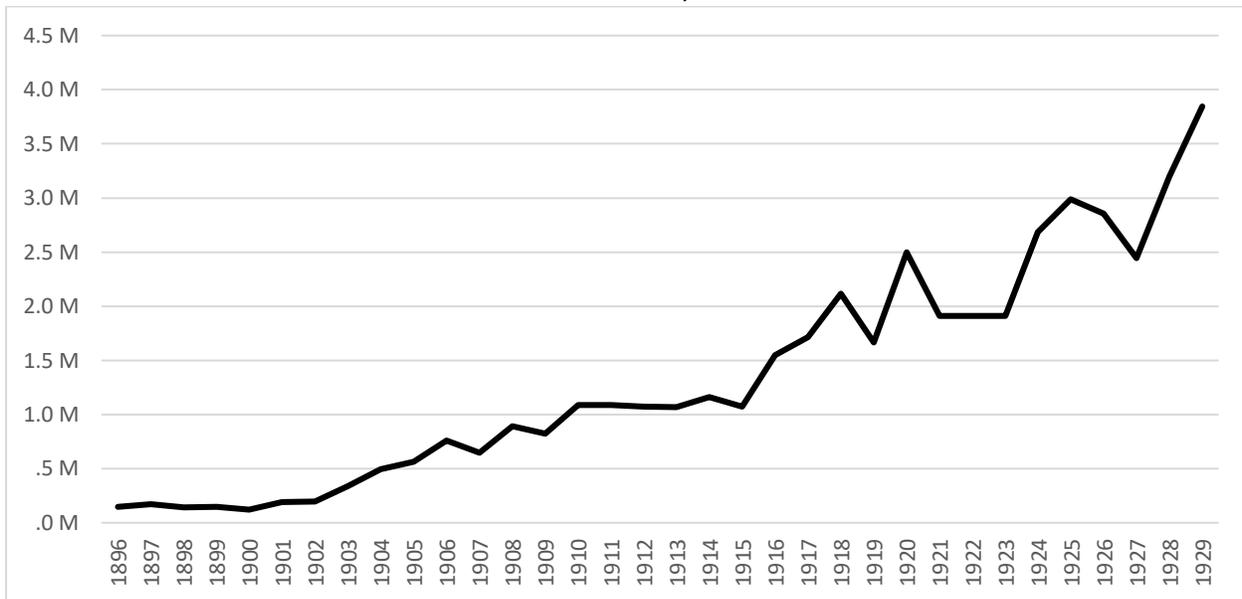


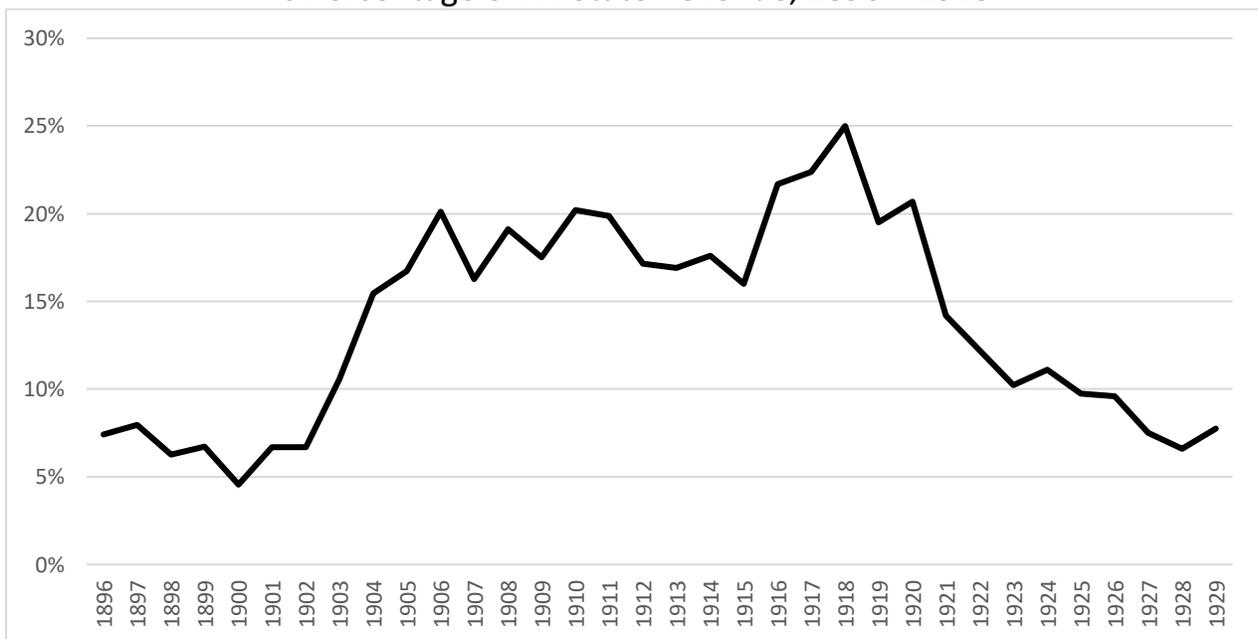
Alabama Convict Labor Revenue and Demographics, 1896 - 1929  
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Chart 1: Convict Department Revenue Transfers to State Treasury  
 in Millions of Dollars, 1896 - 1929



Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer, 1896-1929

Chart 2: Convict Department Revenue Transfers to State Treasury  
 As Percentage of All State Revenue, 1896 - 1929



Notes:

1. Includes revenue from lease of state prisoners as well as revenue from state-operated enterprises during period of greatest reliance on convict labor.
2. Percentage between 1870s and 1895 ranged from 2 to 7 percent.
3. Data does not include revenue from lease of county prisoners.

Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer, 1896-1929

Chart 3: Convict Department Revenue Transfer to State Treasury  
as Percentage of State Revenue, Peak Year of 1918

1	Convict Department	\$2,115,019
2	Total General Fund	\$5,230,537
3	Convict Dept as % of General Fund	40.4%
4	General Fund	\$5,230,537
5	Trust Funds	\$421,679
6	Educational Fund	\$2,151,712
7	Pension Fund	<u>\$646,929</u>
8	Total All Funds	\$8,450,857
9	Convict Dept as % of All Funds	25.0%

Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer

Chart 4: Convict Leasing Net Profits by Quadrennium, 1911 – 1926

	Quadrennium Ending	1914	1918	1922	1926
1	Convict Leasing Net Profit	\$2.2 M	\$2.6 M	\$3.7 M	\$3.3 M
2	Portion of Profit from Convicts in Mines	\$1.3 M	\$2.1 M	\$3.4 M	\$2.6 M
3	Convicts in Mines % of Total	61%	78%	92%	79%
4	Total State Revenue	\$24.6 M	\$30.0 M	\$49.7 M	\$103.3 M
5	Convict Leasing Profit as % of State Revenue	9%	9%	7%	3%

Sources: *Biennial Report of the Inspectors of Convicts to the Governor, 1911-1918*; *Report of Operations of the State Board of Control and Economy, 1919-1922*; *Quadrennial Report of the State Board of Administration to the Governor, 1922-1926*; Elizabeth B. Clark, "The Abolition of the Convict Lease System in Alabama, 1913-1928" (Master's thesis, University of Alabama, 1949), 34-36.

Chart 5: African Americans as Percentage of State Convict Population  
and State Resident Population

	Year	1896	1900	1904	1910	1914
1	% Convict Population	87.5%	90.4%	87.8%	82.6%	86.3%
2	% Resident Population	44.8%	45.2%	45.2%	42.5%	42.5%

Source: *Biennial Report of the Inspectors of Convicts to the Governor, 1895-1914*