Gun Fatalities in the United States

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In the past year, the United States has witnessed hightened tensions sorrounding the US Constitution's 2nd ammendment regarding the right to bare arms. Politicians and civilians equally have become more divided on the topic after several shootings in public spaces and schools have taken the life of innocent Americans. In this project, we dive deep into the gun fatalities in the US to understand who are those that are being most affected. As our main source of data we used Five Thirty Eight's reasearch on gun fatalities from 2012 to 2014. We will also be using a complementary data source from the Washington Post.

We've split up this into three seperate parts: The first part will discuss the most common cause of gun deaths in the US: suicides. We want to dive deep into the demographics of suicides and develop an informed hypothesis about what are the major causes of suicide in the US. The second part analyzes homicides in the United States. We'll also investigate the demographics on homicides in the country to see who is more prone to gun violence in our country. The third part will look specifically into homicides by police officers and will investigate the claim that police officers are more prone to using deadly force against minority races such as blacks and hispanics versus majority race.

In [1]:

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import pandas as pd # data package
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # graphics
import statsmodels.api as sm
%matplotlib inline
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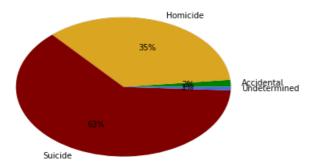
In [62]:

```
#Creating a pivot table that describes the number of deaths by year by intent
intents = guns.pivot_table(index='intent',columns='year',values='id',aggfunc=len)
intents['average'] = intents.mean(axis=1) #Adds a column that averages the fatalities per intent o
ver the three years
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
intents['average'].plot.pie(y=' ',ax=ax,autopct='%1.0f%%', colors=['green','goldenrod','maroon','ro
yalblue'])
ax.set_title('Gun Fatalities in the US by Intent')
ax.set_ylabel(' ')
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Out[62]:

Text(0,0.5,' ')

Gun Fatalities in the US by Intent



In [64]:

intents

Out[64]:

| year | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | average |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| intent | | | | |
| Accidental | 548 | 505 | 586 | 546.333333 |
| Homicide | 12093 | 11674 | 11409 | 11725.333333 |
| Suicide | 20666 | 21175 | 21334 | 21058.333333 |
| Undetermined | 256 | 281 | 270 | 269.000000 |

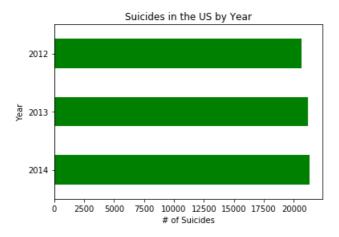
Suicides

In [65]:

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suicides = guns.loc[guns['intent']=='Suicide']# Filtering for all deaths with homicidal intent
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
suicides['year'].value_counts().plot.barh(ax = ax,color='green')
ax.set_title('Suicides in the US by Year')
ax.set_xlabel('# of Suicides')
ax.set_ylabel('Year')
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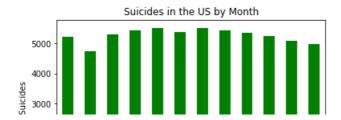


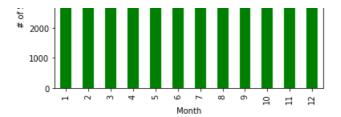
In [75]:

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fig,ax = plt.subplots()
suicides['month'].value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar(ax = ax,color='green')
ax.set_title('Suicides in the US by Month')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Suicides')
ax.set_xlabel('Month')
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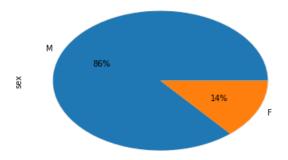


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suicides['sex'].value_counts().plot.pie(autopct='%1.0f%%')
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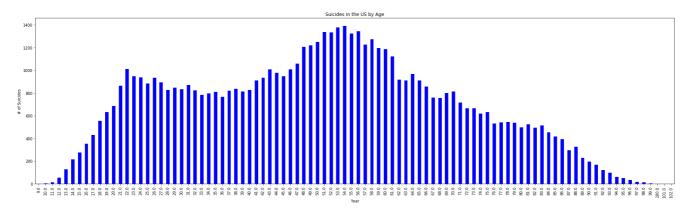


In [67]:

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fig,ax = plt.subplots()
suicides['age'].value_counts().sort_index().plot.bar(ax = ax,color='blue',figsize=(30,8))
ax.set_title('Suicides in the US by Age')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Suicides')
ax.set_xlabel('Year')
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Out[67]:

Text(0.5,0,'Year')



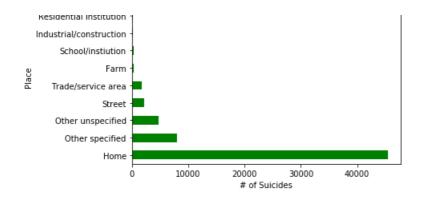
In [68]:

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fig,ax = plt.subplots()
suicides['place'].value_counts().plot.barh(ax = ax,color='green')
ax.set_title('Suicides in the US by Place')
ax.set_xlabel('# of Suicides')
ax.set_ylabel('Place')
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Out[68]:

Text(0,0.5,'Place')

Suicides in the US by Place

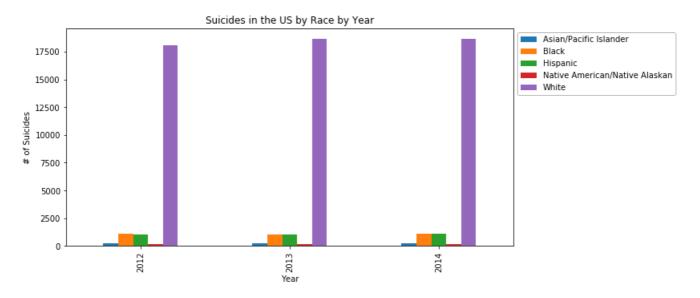


In [72]:

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suicide_race=suicides.pivot_table(index='year',columns='race',values='id',aggfunc=len)
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
suicide_race.sort_index().plot.bar(ax=ax,figsize=(10,5))
ax.set_title('Suicides in the US by Race by Year')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Suicides')
ax.set_xlabel('Year')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
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Out[72]:

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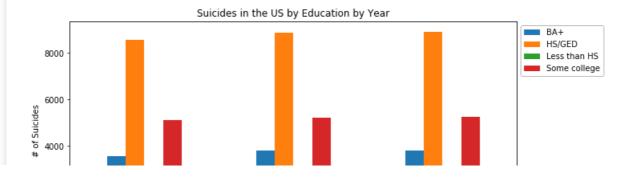


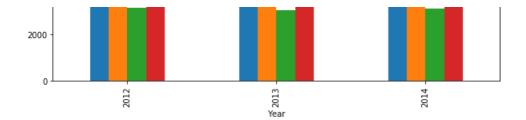
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suicide_education=suicides.pivot_table(index='year',columns='education',values='id',aggfunc=len)
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
suicide_education.sort_index().plot.bar(ax=ax,figsize=(10,5))
ax.set_title('Suicides in the US by Education by Year')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Suicides')
ax.set_xlabel('Year')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
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Out[71]:

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From the graphs above, we can easily see that suicide rates increased between 2012 and 2014. Feburary has the lowest number of suicides, while May and July have the highest. 86% of reported suicides in US between 2012 and 2014 were male, while only 14% were female. Most suicides happen at home, possibly because most people feel safest and/or most stressed there. Most reported suicides were by white people. Suicide rates among high school graduates and college graduates increased between 2012 and 2014. The age group with the highest suicide rate was 51-60, with 54 year olds forming the peak. There is a smaller, yet significant peak at the age of 22. All this leads us to believe that many, if not most, of these suicides might have been caused by employement issues, debt issues, mid-life crises etc.

Homicides

The second largest intent group within gun deaths in America is homicide. We've already seen that gun deaths in the United States tend to be more common among men than women and we don't suspect that this could be any different when narrowing down the deaths to homicides. However, something we want to explore within this category is race. For the past decades, our media has focused a lot on violence in minoirty communities such as black and hispanic

In [8]:

```
homicide = guns.loc[guns['intent'] == 'Homicide'] # Filtering for all deaths with homicidal intent
#Creating a data frame for the number of homicides per year per race
hom_race = homicide.pivot_table(index='year',columns='race',values='id',aggfunc=len)
hom_race
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Out[8]:

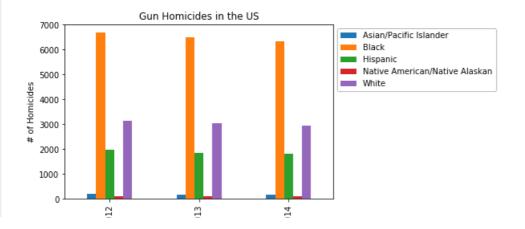
| race | Asian/Pacific Islander | Black | Hispanic | Native American/Native Alaskan | White |
|------|------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| year | | | | | |
| 2012 | 205 | 6676 | 1971 | 105 | 3136 |
| 2013 | 181 | 6503 | 1836 | 97 | 3057 |
| 2014 | 173 | 6331 | 1827 | 124 | 2954 |

In [9]:

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
hom_race.plot.bar(ax = ax)
ax.set_title('Gun Homicides in the US')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Homicides')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
```

Out[9]:

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The information above confirms what popular media has been saying. More than double the amount of black people in America die by gun shot than white people. But the data from the CDC enables us to dig deeper into who is perpetrating the homicide, specifically, deaths perpetrated by police officers. A controversial topic in popular media today has been the huge racial disparities in how US police use force. The data from the CDC might enable us to dig deeper into how each race is being treated differently by US police.

In [10]:

```
#Creating a dataframe for homicides in which police was involved per race per year
hom_pol = homicide.loc[homicide['police']==1].pivot_table(index='year',columns='race',values='id',a
ggfunc=len)
hom_pol['total']= hom_pol.sum(axis=1)
hom_pol['%Black'] = hom_pol['Black']/hom_pol['total']
hom_pol['%Hispanic'] = hom_pol['Hispanic']/hom_pol['total']
hom_pol
```

Out[10]:

| race | Asian/Pacific Islander | Black | Hispanic | Native American/Native Alaskan | White | total | %Black | %Hispanic |
|------|------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|
| year | | | | | | | | |
| 2012 | 10 | 121 | 101 | 10 | 229 | 471 | 0.256900 | 0.214437 |
| 2013 | 11 | 129 | 86 | 4 | 237 | 467 | 0.276231 | 0.184154 |
| 2014 | 9 | 106 | 95 | 11 | 243 | 464 | 0.228448 | 0.204741 |

In [11]:

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hom_pol.mean()
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Out[11]:

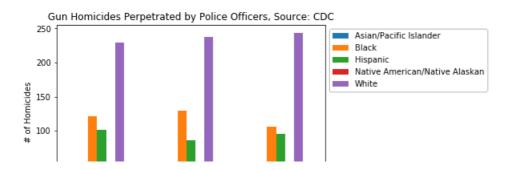
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race
                                    10.000000
Asian/Pacific Islander
                                   118.666667
Black
Hispanic
                                    94.000000
Native American/Native Alaskan
                                     8.333333
White
                                   236.333333
total
                                   467.333333
%Black
                                     0 253860
                                     0.201111
%Hispanic
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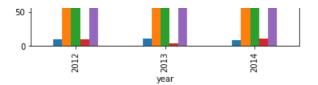
In [12]:

```
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
hom_pol[['Asian/Pacific Islander','Black','Hispanic', 'Native American/Native Alaskan', 'White']].
plot.bar(ax = ax)
ax.set_title('Gun Homicides Perpetrated by Police Officers, Source: CDC')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Homicides')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
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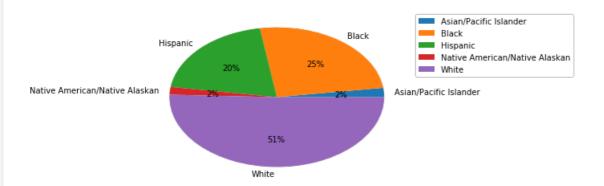


In [51]:

```
#Creating a dataset that transposes the pervious one, putting the years as columns and the races a
s rows
trans_hom_pol = hom_pol[['Asian/Pacific Islander','Black','Hispanic', 'Native American/Native
Alaskan', 'White']].transpose()
#Adding one more column for the average number of homicides per race for the three years
trans_hom_pol['Average']=trans_hom_pol.mean(axis=1)
#Plotting the average % of homicides per race
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
trans_hom_pol.plot.pie(y='Average',ax=ax,autopct='%1.0f%%')
ax.set_ylabel('')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
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Out[51]:

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It is interesting to see that fatal police shootings happen more often with white people than minority populations. Simply looking at the total number of fatalities per race is not accurate because it assumes that the US population is composed by an equal amount of people from each race. According to the Census Bureau, the US population is composed of 64% whites, 12% black and 16% hispanic or latino. Nevertheless, Black and Hispanic populations represent 25% and 20% of fatal police shootings on average each year respectively.

However, we have to keep in mind that this data is reported by the Center for Disease Control, a government agency who benefits from misrepresenting or undereporting data such as fatal police shootings. Thus we decided to consult another source for data on fatal police shootings. Although the data from the Washington Post only has data after 2014, it is impossible to match both sources. However, according to the CDC, fatal police shootings by race have remained relatively constant as shown below. Thus, we could expect the data from the Washington Post to be similar to that of the CDC. Below we analyze the data from the Washington Post and compare it to that of the CDC:

In [27]:

```
#Reading data from the Washington Post on shootings by police officers
wp_guns = pd.read_csv('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/washingtonpost/data-police-
shootings/master/fatal-police-shootings-data.csv')
#Creating a column out of the first 4 characters of the string in 'Date' for the year of the homic
ide
wp_guns['year'] = wp_guns['date'].str.slice(0,4)
#Creating a column out of the 6th and 7th characters of the string in 'Date' for the month of the
homicide
wp_guns['month'] = wp_guns['date'].str.slice(5,7)
#Dropping the column date
wp_guns['date'].drop
wp_guns
```

Out[27]:

| | id | | name | date | manner_of_death | armed | age | gender | race | city | state | signs_of_mental_illn |
|---|----|---|------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----|--------|------|-------|-------|----------------------|
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| U | 3 id | name | Odale | snot manner_of_death | gun armed | 53.0 age | gender | A race | Sneiton city | state | rrue signs_of_mental_illn |
|----|---------|---|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 4 | Lewis Lee Lembke | 2015- 01-02 | shot | gun | 47.0 | М | W | Aloha | OR | False |
| 2 | 5 | John Paul Quintero | 2015- 01-03 | shot and Tasered | unarmed | 23.0 | М | Н | Wichita | KS | False |
| 3 | 8 | Matthew Hoffman | 2015- 01-04 | shot | toy weapon | 32.0 | М | w | San Francisco | CA | True |
| 4 | 9 | Michael Rodriguez | 2015- 01-04 | shot | nail gun | 39.0 | М | Н | Evans | СО | False |
| 5 | 11 | Kenneth Joe Brown | 2015- 01-04 | shot | gun | 18.0 | М | w | Guthrie | ОК | False |
| 6 | 13 | Kenneth Arnold Buck | 2015- 01-05 | shot | gun | 22.0 | М | Н | Chandler | AZ | False |
| 7 | 15 | Brock Nichols | 2015- 01-06 | shot | gun | 35.0 | М | W | Assaria | KS | False |
| 8 | 16 | Autumn Steele | 2015- 01-06 | shot | unarmed | 34.0 | F | W | Burlington | IA | False |
| 9 | 17 | Leslie Sapp | 2015- 01-06 | shot | toy weapon | 47.0 | М | В | Knoxville | PA | False |
| 10 | 19 | Patrick Wetter | 2015- 01-06 | shot and Tasered | knife | 25.0 | М | W | Stockton | CA | False |
| 11 | 21 | Ron Sneed | 2015- 01-07 | shot | gun | 31.0 | М | В | Freeport | TX | False |
| 12 | 22 | Hashim Hanif Ibn Abdul- Rasheed | 2015- 01-07 | shot | knife | 41.0 | М | В | Columbus | ОН | True |
| 13 | 25 | Nicholas Ryan Brickman | 2015- 01-07 | shot | gun | 30.0 | М | w | Des Moines | IA | False |
| 14 | 27 | Omarr Julian Maximillian Jackson | 2015- 01-07 | shot | gun | 37.0 | М | В | New Orleans | LA | False |
| 15 | 29 | Loren Simpson | 2015- 01-08 | shot | NaN | 28.0 | М | w | Huntley | MT | False |
| 16 | 32 | James Dudley Barker | 2015- 01-08 | shot | shovel | 42.0 | М | W | Salt Lake City | UT | False |
| 17 | 36 | Artago Damon Howard | 2015- 01-08 | shot | unarmed | 36.0 | М | В | Strong | AR | False |
| 18 | 37 | Thomas Hamby | 2015- 01-08 | shot | gun | 49.0 | М | w | Syracuse | UT | False |
| 19 | 38 | Jimmy Foreman | 2015- 01-09 | shot | gun | 71.0 | М | w | England | AR | False |
| 20 | 325 | Andy Martinez | 2015- 01-09 | shot | gun | 33.0 | М | Н | El Paso | TX | False |
| 21 | 42 | Tommy Smith | 2015- 01-11 | shot | gun | 39.0 | М | w | Arcola | IL | True |
| 22 | 43 | Brian Barbosa | 2015- 01-11 | shot | gun | 23.0 | М | Н | South Gate | CA | False |
| 23 | 45 | Salvador Figueroa | 2015- 01-11 | shot and Tasered | gun | 29.0 | М | Н | North Las Vegas | NV | False |

| 24 | 46 id | Edward O'Keefe | 2 012 01-13 | manner_of_death | gun armed | 349.6° | gender | Масе | Albuquer Git ¥ | state | signs_of_mental_illn |
|------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|------|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 25 | 48 | Richard McClendon | 2015- 01-13 | shot | knife | 43.0 | М | W | Jourdanton | TX | True |
| 26 | 49 | Marcus Golden | 2015- 01-14 | shot | NaN | 24.0 | М | В | St. Paul | MN | False |
| 27 | 50 | Michael Goebel | 2015- 01-14 | shot | NaN | 29.0 | М | W | Franklin County | МО | False |
| 28 | 51 | Mario Jordan | 2015- 01-14 | shot | gun | 34.0 | М | В | Chesapeake | VA | True |
| 29 | 52 | Talbot Schroeder | 2015- 01-14 | shot | knife | 75.0 | М | W | Old Bridge | NJ | False |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3871 | 4241 | Ricardo Galvan | 2018- 11-30 | shot | gun | 37.0 | М | Н | Ogden | UT | False |
| 3872 | 4239 | Demontry Floytra Boyd | 2018- 12-01 | shot and Tasered | knife | 43.0 | М | В | Las Vegas | NV | False |
| 3873 | 4240 | John Young | 2018- 12-01 | shot | meat cleaver | 65.0 | М | NaN | Pensacola | FL | False |
| 3874 | 4272 | Jarvis Randall | 2018- 12-01 | shot | straight edge razor | 30.0 | М | В | Tamarac | FL | True |
| 3875 | 4269 | Anthony Ray Borden- Cortez | 2018- 12-04 | shot | toy weapon | 18.0 | М | Н | Ogden | UT | False |
| 3876 | 4270 | David Alejandro Molina | 2018- 12-05 | shot | gun | 27.0 | М | Н | Napa | CA | False |
| 3877 | 4271 | TK TK | 2018- 12-05 | shot | knife | NaN | М | NaN | Philadephia | PA | False |
| 3878 | 4276 | Paul Ridgeway | 2018- 12-05 | shot | gun | 41.0 | М | NaN | Martinez | CA | False |
| 3879 | 4279 | Anthony M. Edwards | 2018- 12-05 | shot | knife | 33.0 | М | NaN | Richmond | VA | False |
| 3880 | 4275 | Dimaggio McDonough | 2018- 12-06 | shot | gun | 53.0 | М | NaN | Henry County | GA | False |
| 3881 | 4277 | Benjamin David Larson | 2018- 12-06 | shot | gun | 42.0 | М | W | Redding | CA | False |
| 3882 | 4287 | Jason O'Bannon | 2018- 12-06 | shot | gun | 46.0 | М | w | Pahrump | NV | True |
| 3883 | 4281 | Jesus Lainez | 2018- 12-07 | shot | unknown weapon | 51.0 | М | Н | Fort Pierce | FL | False |
| 3884 | 4286 | James N. Robertson | 2018- 12-08 | shot | knife | 41.0 | М | NaN | West Wendover | NV | False |
| 3885 | 4282 | Joshua Boyd | 2018- 12-09 | shot | gun | 24.0 | М | NaN | Savannah | GA | False |
| 3886 | 4283 | Christopher Deandre Mitchell | 2018- 12-09 | shot | gun | 23.0 | М | NaN | Torrance | CA | False |
| 3887 | 4284 | Terry Don King | 2018- 12-09 | shot | gun | 50.0 | М | NaN | Springdale | AR | False |
| 2888 | 1285 | Shane | 2018- | shot | ann | ⊿ 1 ∩ | M | ۱۸/ | Noble | ∩ĸ | Falco |

| 0000 | id | Wentlingme | ¹ 2a10 | manner_of_death | armed | age | gender | race | County city | state | signs_of_mental_illn |
|------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|------|--------|------|-----------------|-------|----------------------|
| 3889 | 4289 | TK TK | 2018- 12-10 | shot | knife | NaN | М | NaN | Fredonia | NY | True |
| 3890 | 4290 | Kyle Hart | 2018- 12-10 | shot | knife | 33.0 | М | NaN | Redwood City | CA | True |
| 3891 | 4288 | Kaley Gay | 2018- 12-11 | shot | gun | 25.0 | F | NaN | Bibb County | GA | False |
| 3892 | 4291 | тк тк | 2018- 12-11 | shot | gun | NaN | F | NaN | Puna | НІ | False |
| 3893 | 4292 | TK TK | 2018- 12-11 | shot | undetermined | NaN | М | NaN | Rangley | со | False |
| 3894 | 4293 | Marcus Neal | 2018- 12-11 | shot | knife | 47.0 | М | NaN | Buffalo | NY | True |
| 3895 | 4295 | Haze Connor Martin | 2018- 12-11 | shot | knife | 22.0 | М | w | Pope County | AR | False |
| 3896 | 4296 | Tameka LaShay Simpson | 2018- 12-11 | shot | gun | 27.0 | F | В | Calhoun | GA | False |
| 3897 | 4297 | Demario Bass | 2018- 12-12 | shot | vehicle | 29.0 | М | В | St. Louis | МО | False |
| 3898 | 4298 | Jason Emerson Connell | 2018- 12-12 | shot | gun | 43.0 | М | w | Jacksonville | FL | False |
| 3899 | 4299 | Dylan Parker Thomas | 2018- 12-12 | shot | toy weapon | 18.0 | М | W | Jacksonville | FL | False |
| 3900 | 4300 | TK TK | 2018- 12-12 | shot | gun | NaN | М | NaN | Albuquerque | NM | False |

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In [28]:

#Creating a dataframe with police homicides per year per race according to the Washington Post

wp_race = wp_guns.pivot_table(index='year',columns='race',values='id',aggfunc=len).drop('2018')
wp_race ['total'] = wp_race.sum(axis=1)
wp_race.columns = ['Asian', 'Black','Hispanic','Native American','Other','White','total']

wp_race

Out[28]:

| | Asian | Black | Hispanic | Native American | Other | White | total |
|------|-------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| year | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | 14 | 259 | 172 | 9 | 15 | 497 | 966 |
| 2016 | 15 | 234 | 160 | 16 | 11 | 466 | 902 |
| 2017 | 16 | 223 | 179 | 22 | 6 | 459 | 905 |

In [29]:

wp_race.mean()

Out[29]:

Asian 15.000000
Black 238.666667
Hispanic 170.333333
Native American 15.666667
Other 10.666667

White 474.000000 total 924.333333

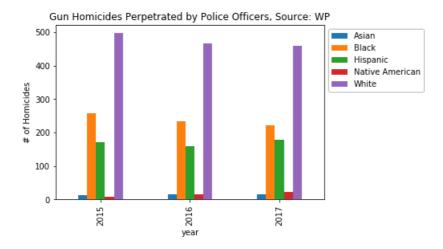
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In [30]:

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fig,ax = plt.subplots()
wp_race[['Asian', 'Black','Hispanic','Native American','White']].plot.bar(ax=ax)
ax.set_title('Gun Homicides Perpetrated by Police Officers, Source: WP')
ax.set_ylabel('# of Homicides')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
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Out[30]:

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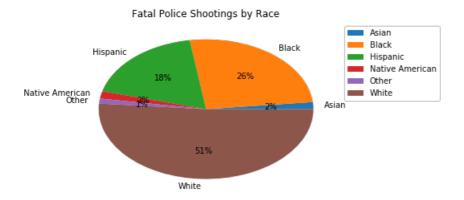


In [78]:

```
trans_wp_race = wp_race.transpose().drop('total')
trans_wp_race['Average'] = trans_wp_race.mean(axis=1)
fig,ax = plt.subplots()
trans_wp_race.plot.pie(y='Average',ax=ax,autopct='%1.0f%%')
ax.set_ylabel('')
ax.set_title('Fatal Police Shootings by Race')
ax.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(1,1),loc=0) #sets the legend of the bar graph outside the plot
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The data from the Washington Post is consistent with the CDC in terms of pecentage of fatal shootings by race. Police shooting of white people are significantly more common than those of Black or Hispanic. However, the CDC appears to be massively underreporting fatal shootings for all races. According to the Washington Post, there is an average of 924.33 fatal police shootings per year from 2015 through 2017 while the CDC reported an average of 467.33 fatal police shootings per year.

The data from the Washington Post enables us to analyze these police shooting furthermore. We continue with the hypothesis that minorities are more prominent to get shot by police officers than other races. We know that minority populations tend to be poorer than others. Thus, we want to analyze how the percentage of police shootings per race correlate to the median income by state. To

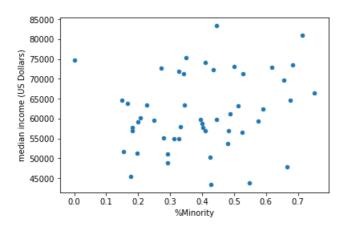
these two variables compare to each other.

In [74]:

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#Creating a dictionary and dataframe based on states and their abbreviations
states = {'AK': 'Alaska','AL': 'Alabama','AR': 'Arkansas','AS': 'American Samoa','AZ':
'Arizona','CA': 'California',
        'CO': 'Colorado', 'CT': 'Connecticut', 'DC': 'District of Columbia', 'DE': 'Delaware', 'FL': 'F
lorida',
        'GA': 'Georgia','GU': 'Guam','HI': 'Hawaii','IA': 'Iowa','ID': 'Idaho','IL': 'Illinois','IN
': 'Indiana',
        'KS': 'Kansas', 'KY': 'Kentucky', 'LA': 'Louisiana', 'MA': 'Massachusetts', 'MD': 'Maryland', 'M
E': 'Maine',
        'MI': 'Michigan','MN': 'Minnesota','MO': 'Missouri','MP': 'Northern Mariana Islands','MS':
'Mississippi',
        'MT': 'Montana','NA': 'National','NC': 'North Carolina','ND': 'North Dakota','NE': 'Nebrask
a',
        'NH': 'New Hampshire','NJ': 'New Jersey','NM': 'New Mexico','NV': 'Nevada','NY': 'New York'
,'OH': 'Ohio',
        'OK': 'Oklahoma','OR': 'Oregon','PA': 'Pennsylvania','PR': 'Puerto Rico','RI': 'Rhode Islan
d',
        'SC': 'South Carolina','SD': 'South Dakota','TN': 'Tennessee','TX': 'Texas','UT': 'Utah','V
A': 'Virginia',
        'VI': 'Virgin Islands','VT': 'Vermont','WA': 'Washington','WI': 'Wisconsin','WV': 'West Vir
ginia',
        'WY': 'Wyoming'}
state = pd.DataFrame(states, index=[1]).transpose().reset index().rename(columns={'index':'abbrev',
1: 'state' })
#Reading data on median income per state
state income = pd.read excel('/Users/javierbeltranena/Downloads/median-household-income-
state.xlsx')
#Merging data on median income per state and state abbreviations
state income = state income.merge(state, how='inner', on='state')
#Creating a data frame with police homicides per state per race
state_homs = wp_guns.pivot_table(index='state',columns='race',values='id',aggfunc=len).fillna(0)
#Merging the past dataframe with the median income per state
state hom inc = state homs.merge(state income,how='inner',left on='state',right on='abbrev').set in
dex('state')
#Creating a column for the percentage of police homicides who were not White
state hom inc['%Minority'] = 1-((state hom inc['W']+state hom inc['A'])/(state hom inc['A']+ state h
om inc['B']
   + state hom inc['N'] + state hom inc['O'] + state hom inc['W']))
state hom inc[['median income (US Dollars)','%Minority']].plot.scatter(x='%Minority',y='median inc
ome (US Dollars)')
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Out[74]:

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In [331:

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regression = sm.OLS(state_hom_inc['%Minority'], state_hom_inc['median income (US Dollars)'])
results = regression.fit()
print(results.summary())
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OLS Regression Results

Dep. Variable: %Minority R-squared: 0.845

| Model: Method: Date: We Time: No. Observations: Df Residuals: Df Model: Covariance Type: | OLS Least Squares ed, 19 Dec 2018 14:58:50 50 49 1 nonrobust | Adj. R-squ F-statisti Prob (F-st Log-Likeli AIC: BIC: | c: atistic): | | 0.841 266.3 92e-21 17.725 -33.45 -31.54 | |
|--|---|--|-----------------|-------|--|----------|
| | coef | std err | t | P> t | [0.025 | 0.975] |
| median income (US Dolla | ars) 6.346e-06 | 3.89e-07 | 16.317 | 0.000 | 5.56e-06 | 7.13e-06 |
| Omnibus: Prob(Omnibus): Skew: Kurtosis: | 0.125 0.939 -0.096 2.858 | Durbin-Wat Jarque-Ber Prob(JB): Cond. No. | | | 1.862 0.118 0.943 1.00 | |

Warnings:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

By running the regression model and looking at the graph, we can see that there is no correlation among bot factors. Perhaps analyzing this at such a broad level like state is not necesarilly accurate. Unfortunately we were unable to find complete accurate date for all the cities in which police shootings have occured according to the Washington Post and thus, narrowing this down to a city level is not possible.

Conclusion

From the first part of our investigation, we have seen that the most common causes of suicides are probably income an employment related, or possibly due to mid-life crises. We can say this because most suicides are by white males around the age of 54. From the second part of our research, we have seen that most of the victims of gun homicides are black, although this population decreased from 6,676 to 6,331 between 2012 and 2014. From the third part of our research, we have seen that the CDC dramatically underreports police-related gun shootings. For example, while the CDC reported only 464 fatal police shootings in 2014 (with a decreasing trend), the Washington Post reported 966 fatal police shootings by 2015, which constitutes a growth of almost 107% from one year to the next one. We also learned that, although most victims of police shootings are white (51%), when compared to the US population demographics, black and hispanic communities experience more police brutality. Thus, we wanted to prove that minority populations, who typically earn less, are more vulnerable to police shootings. We did so by comparing the percentage of minority fatal shootings by police officers per state to median income by state. However, regressions at a state level showed no correlation between these two.

Further investigations could go deeper into the correlations between minority police shootings versus median income at a city or county level, which might show a greater correlation. Furthermore, more analysis could be done on the topic of suicide if information about the victims' income and workplace was available. This could enable us to perform some sort of automated machine learning that could identify factors that drive suicide rate and consequently potential suicide victims so that the US could take preventive measures.

Link to the GitHub: https://github.com/jjbeltranena/GunFatalitiesUnitedStates