Electricity generating power plants fueled by coal employ more people to build and operate than natural gas fueled power plants. They employ significantly more people to build and operate than wind and solar power plants.

An analysis of U.S. Department of Energy data by Energy Ventures Analysis Inc. reveals coal fueled power plants employ up to 8.8 times as many people to build and up to 9.5 times as many people to operate on a “dollars invested” basis. Part of the greater coal employment intensity is attributable to jobs necessary to extract and transport the fuel.

Environmental controls projects at coal fueled power plants also create significant numbers of jobs. For instance, the report estimates that about 7,500 jobs are created per billion dollars of investment in power plant scrubbers.

Coal fueled electricity generation is a major creator of much-needed jobs in America’s economy.