

Civitai Trend Analysis

Xuthal Labs · WD14 Tag Field · April 2026

Observation window: 2026-02-25 to 2026-04-15 · 50 daily snapshots · charts generated from Postgres trend data

Are you worried about the Civitai split? We analyzed **21,282** trend-image records across **50** daily snapshots to see what the new front pages are likely to look like.

Xuthal Labs Brief

Observation window: 2026-02-25 to 2026-04-15

Daily collection days: 50

Primary analytic layer: normalized WD14 tags in `trend_image_tags` joined to `trend_images` and `trend_snapshots`

Secondary context: `trend_models`, `trend_resources`, latest frontpage NSFW mix, and Civitai's April 9, 2026 split announcement

Scope note: this brief is intentionally tag-first. Caption-based narrative analysis belongs in a later report.

In the Green Light

Look at the front page long enough and the phantoms burn away.

The caption layer chatters. The tag layer remembers.

That is why this report reads Civitai through WD14 tags instead of through natural-language captions. Tags are cruder at first glance, but they are better bones. They show what keeps returning when the crowd thinks it is chasing novelty. They reveal the repeated posture of desire, the recurring scenery, the favored silhouettes, the props and exposures and gestures that survive one day and reappear the next.

Across **50 daily snapshots**, the normalized tag field breaks into three useful bands:

- **181 enduring tags** — present in at least 70% of collection days
- **2,375 evolving tags** — recurring across multiple dates without becoming baseline
- **169 emerging tags** — seen only in the last seven days of the window

That division is the key.

The enduring field is the old green corridor: stable, polished, always there when the radium light comes up. It is made of female solo imagery, direct gaze, erotic charge, long hair, jewelry, sky, scenery, and environmental framing.

The evolving field is where the shadow moves. It carries sharper adult niches, more explicit coding, furry and bara signals, bondage, monochrome portraiture, ruined stone, river light, boats, gloves, hair ornaments, and other markers of images that know exactly what lane they are in.

The emerging field is thin smoke. It has uses, but not authority. It can suggest a spell. It should not decide a quarter.

Meanwhile the front page itself has already shifted cleaner before the split fully lands. In the first week of collection, `None`-rated content represented **42.1%** of the tracked front page. In the last week, it represented **50.3%**. `Soft + Mature` content fell from **20.2%** to **10.0%**.

So the signs agree with one another. The tags say the platform is separating into two visible grammars. The surface mix says the same thing. Civitai's official split only names what the data was already whispering in the dark.

For Xuthal Labs, this is not a threat. It is a map scratched into green stone.

Why the Tag Layer Matters

Captions are useful for interpretation. They are not the best instrument for structure.

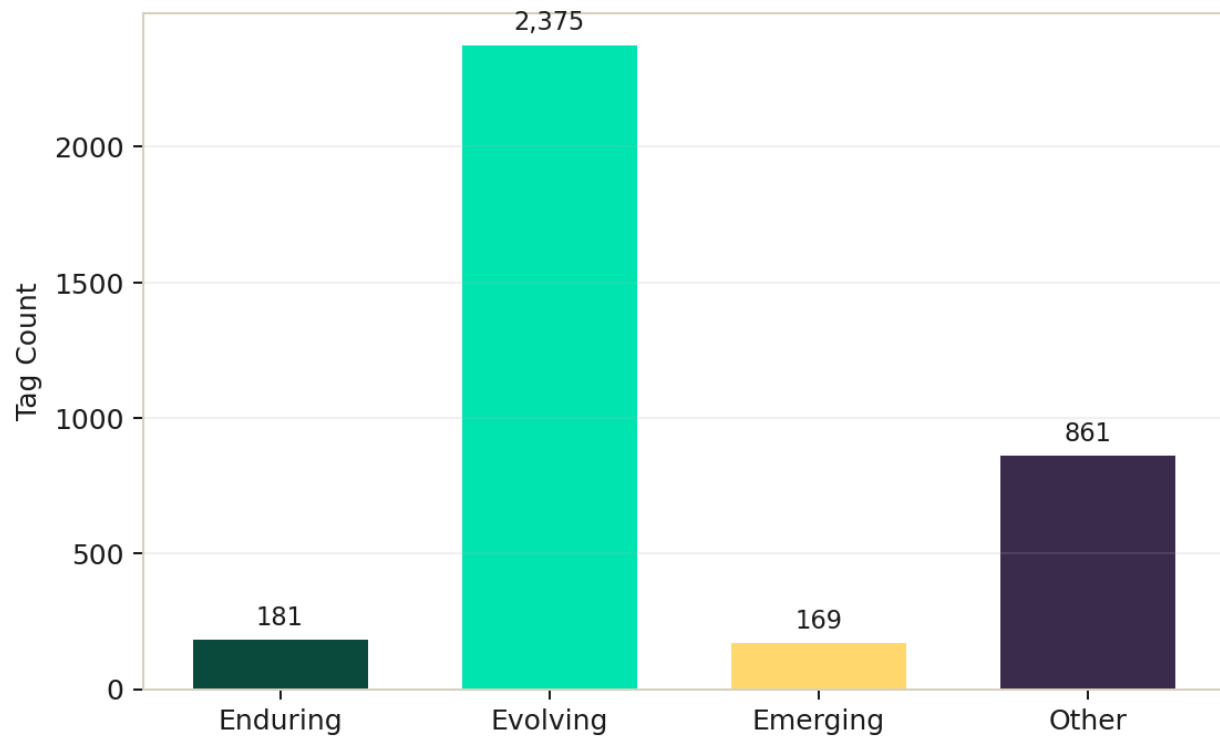
A caption tries to describe one image as a scene. A tag can be counted, sorted, compared, and watched over time. It tells us whether the platform is leaning toward:

- body emphasis or scenic framing
- direct gaze or narrative distance
- wardrobe and silhouette coding
- fetish specificity
- fandom spillover
- repeated environmental motifs

This matters because market structure lives in repetition. The tag layer gives us repetition without ornament.

The Three Bands of the Front Page

WD14 Tag Bands Across 50 Daily Snapshots



WD14 tag band counts across the observation window

Enduring Tags

The enduring tier contains tags present in at least 70% of daily snapshots. These are the green walls of the place: the surfaces the crowd keeps touching until the shine becomes permanent.

The strongest enduring tags include:

- lgirl
- solo
- breasts
- looking_at_viewer
- long_hair
- outdoors
- lips
- black_hair
- sky
- jewelry

- scenery
- tree
- realistic

And the highest-persistence body tags remain close at hand:

- nipples
- uncensored
- large_breasts
- navel
- nude

But the enduring field is not merely flesh. That is the mistake shallow readers make.

The real baseline is **body + gaze + world**.

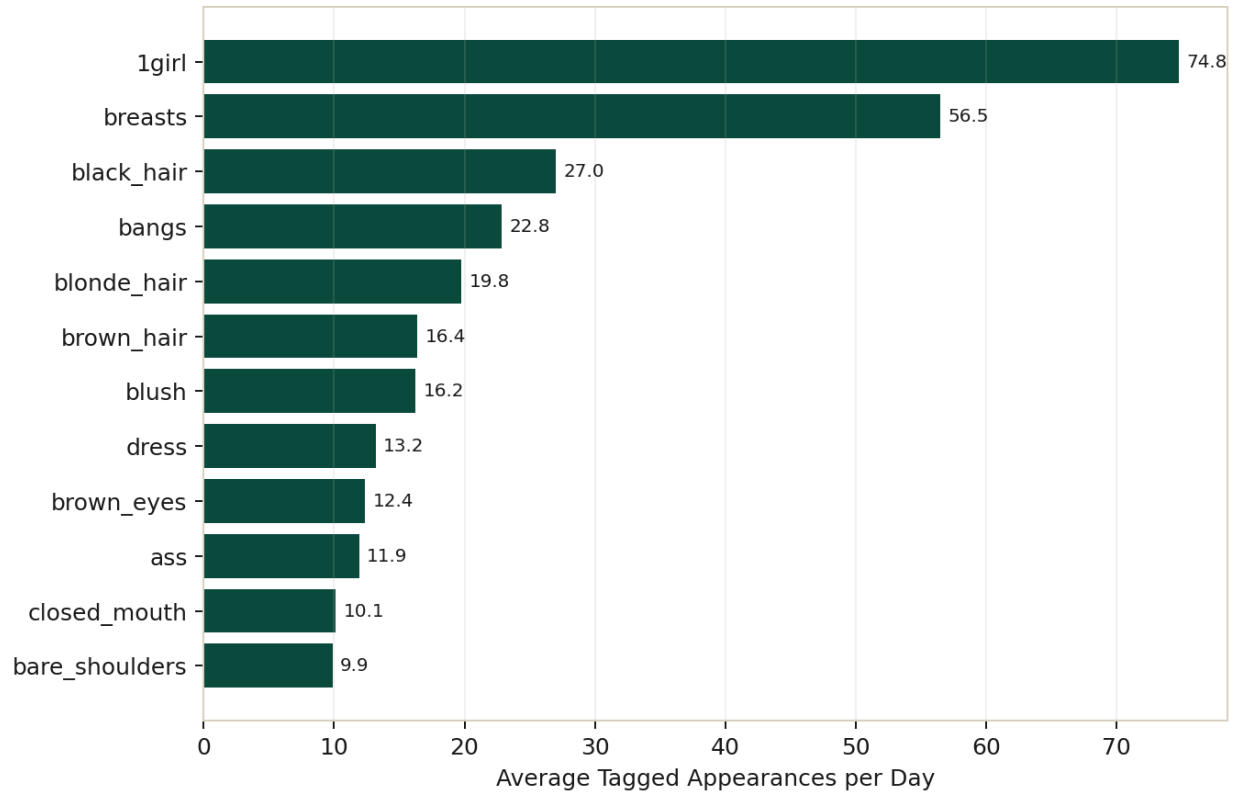
Even the platform's most stable erotic grammar keeps reaching for sky, water, trees, scenery, and the suggestion of place. It wants skin, yes, but it wants that skin under weather, near stone, against cloud, in rooms and fields and ruined thresholds. The image must still feel located in a world, not pinned flat like an insect in glass.

Some of these tags are also remarkably stable in daily volume:

- `lgirl` averages **74.8** appearances per day
- `breasts` averages **56.5** per day
- `long_hair` averages **48.8** per day
- `jewelry` averages **21.8** per day
- `dress` averages **13.2** per day

This is not the whole city. It is the floor plan.

Top Enduring WD14 Tags by Average Daily Frequency



Top enduring WD14 tags by average daily frequency

Evolving Tags

The evolving tier is where the velvet shifts and the blade shows through.

These tags recur across multiple snapshots without becoming permanent fixtures. This is the pressure zone where the platform changes shape.

The strongest rising clusters are clear.

1. Adult specificity is intensifying

Rising explicit and niche-coded tags include:

- cum
- topless
- clitoris
- masturbation
- missionary

- cum_in_pussy
- cum_in_ass
- bara
- yaoi
- newhalf

This is not a vague swell of "more adult." It is segmentation. The crowd is not merely asking for nakedness. It is sorting itself into sharper chambers.

2. Furry and adjacent niches are rising with intent

Signals such as:

- furry_male
- furry_female
- body_fur
- brown_fur

show the same pattern: recurring, rising, and niche-dense. These are not broad market defaults. They are subcultures with teeth.

3. Scene identity is strengthening

Rising environment and composition tags include:

- ruins
- river
- boat
- watercraft
- cityscape
- stairs
- field
- black_background
- monochrome
- portrait

This matters because it shows the platform is not only rewarding explicitness. It is rewarding **legibility**. The image that knows its world, its lighting, its architecture, its mood, and its camera position stands out against the muddy dreamwork.

4. Silhouette and accessory coding matter more than they appear to

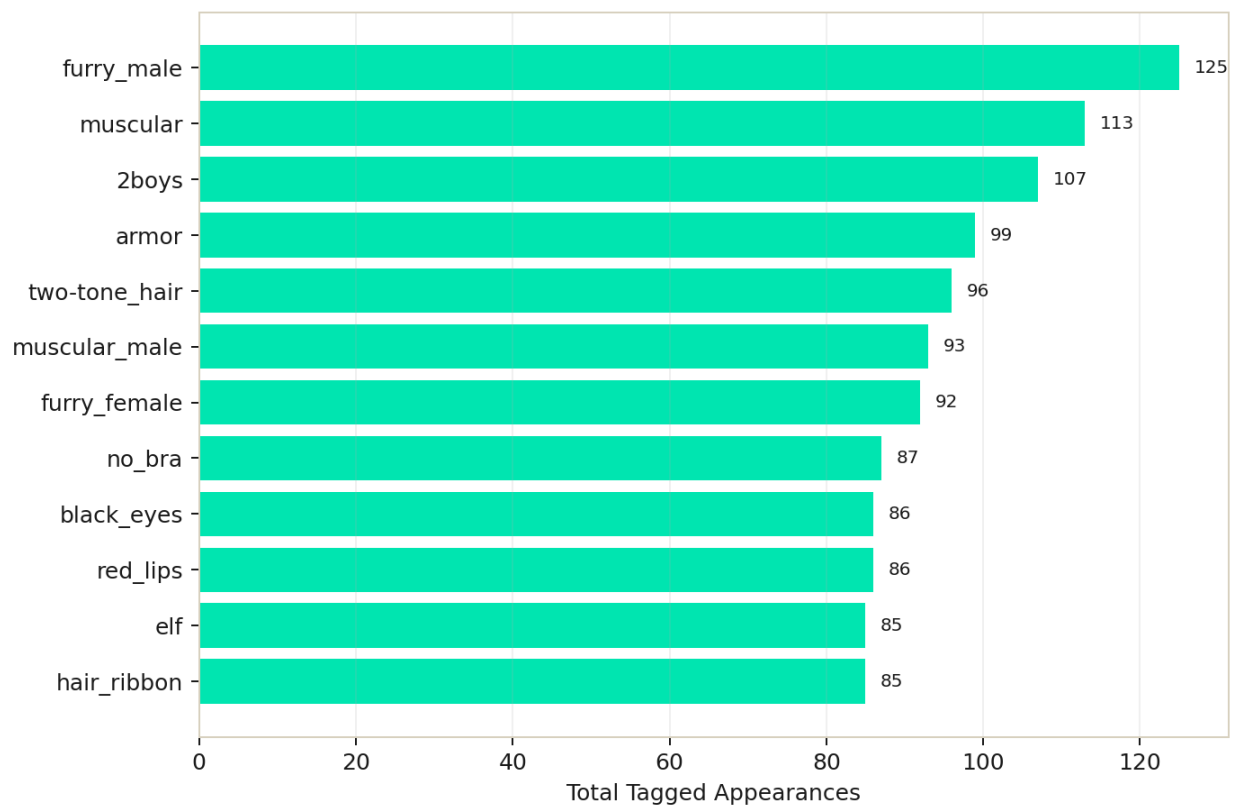
Rising presentation tags include:

- elbow_gloves
- fingerless_gloves
- white_gloves
- hairband
- frills
- very_long_hair
- ahoge

These are the small hard details that let an image declare itself at a glance. In Howard's terms, this is the jeweled girdle catching the radium light. The detail is decorative, yes, but it is also a weapon. It tells the eye where to rest.

The evolving field is the most useful part of this entire report, because it tells us where the current is moving instead of only showing us where the river has been.

Top Evolving WD14 Tags by Total Frequency



Top evolving WD14 tags by total frequency

Emerging Tags

The emerging tier contains tags seen only in the last seven days and not in earlier snapshots.

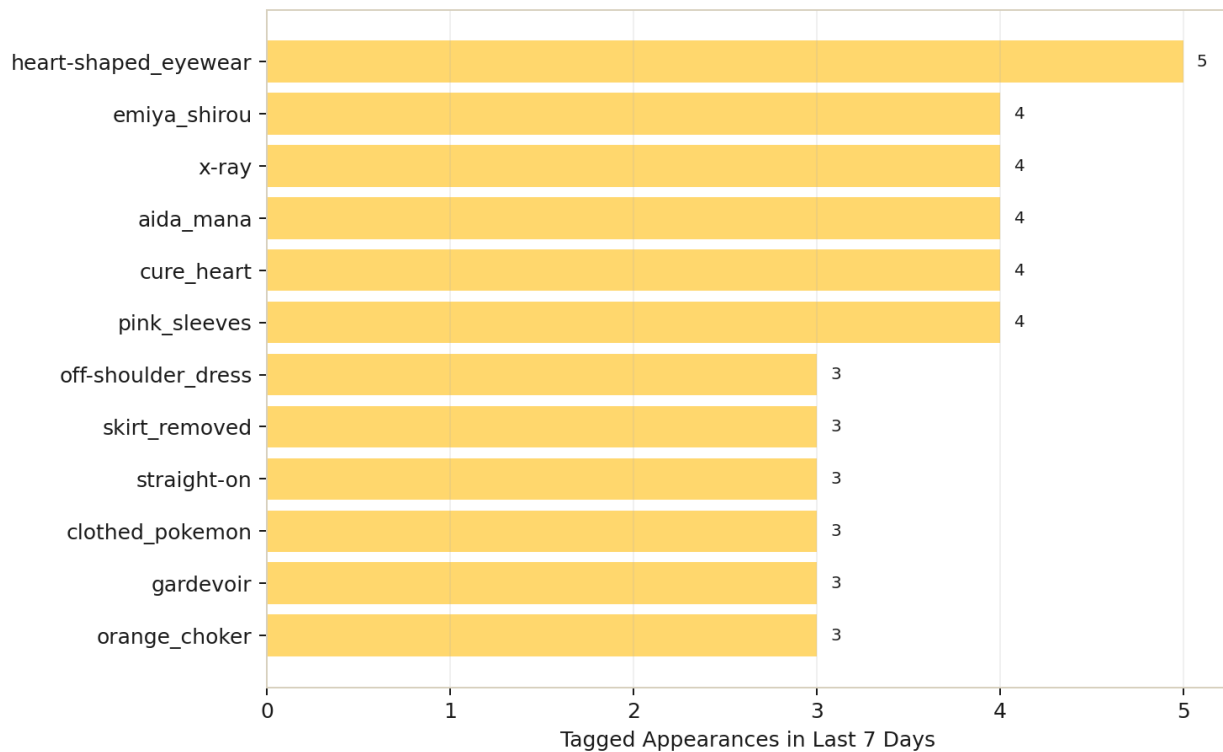
There are only **169** of them, and the largest examples are still small:

- heart-shaped_eyewear
- x-ray
- star_pasties
- straight-on
- off-shoulder_dress
- gardevoir
- holding_skull
- beach_chair
- cropped_shirt

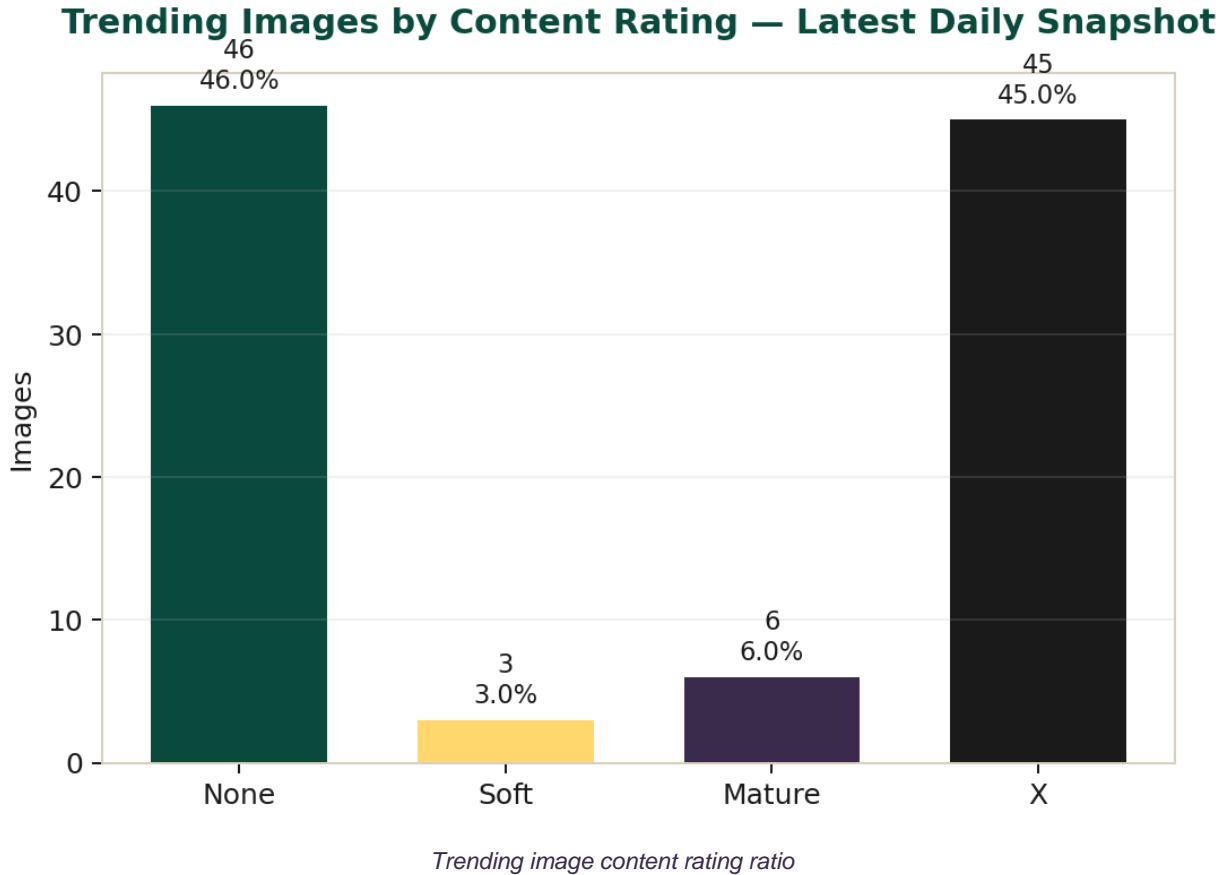
These are not yet law. They are rumor.

Useful for ideation, yes. Useful for shaping an entire release strategy, no. This is the shimmer on the lotus pool, not the stone beneath it.

Top Emerging WD14 Tags by Recent Frequency



The Front Page in Two Colors



The latest daily snapshot is almost evenly divided by surface visibility:

- 46 None images
- 45 X images
- 6 Mature images
- 3 Soft images

But the tag layer shows these surfaces do not merely differ in rating. They differ in grammar.

The green door: None

The safe side is dominated by:

- solo

- lgirl
- outdoors
- sky
- no_humans
- cloud
- scenery
- long_hair
- flower
- holding
- water

This is a scenic, atmosphere-bearing, style-forward surface. It likes distance, environment, weather, and silhouette. It gives more room to world morphs, scenic fantasy, environmental concepts, and visual tools that do not need a bed to be interesting.

The red door: X

The explicit side is dominated by:

- lgirl
- breasts
- long_hair
- uncensored
- lips
- looking_at_viewer
- nipples
- penis
- lboy
- hetero
- pussy
- solo_focus
- nude

This is body-first, act-adjacent, and intimacy-coded. It does not merely reward erotic charge. It rewards immediate erotic legibility.

The narrowing middle: Mature

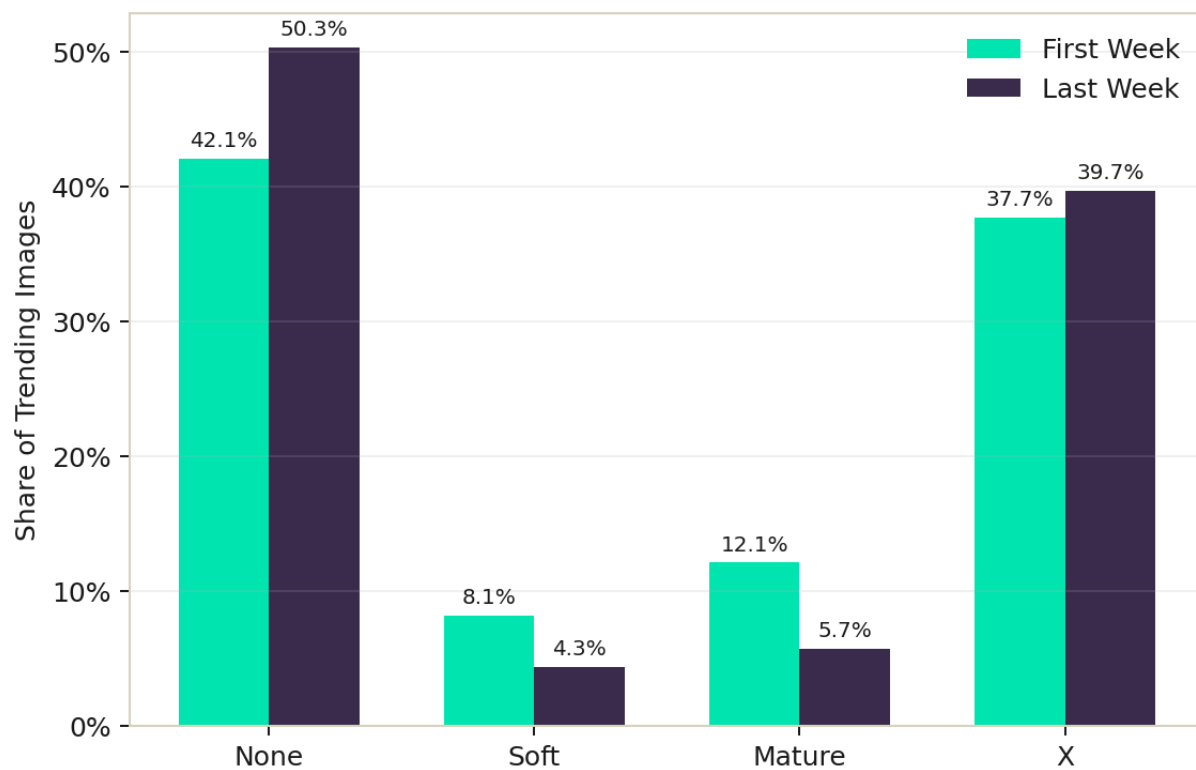
The small Mature bucket clusters around presentation-heavy soft eroticism:

- panties
- underwear
- garter_straps
- thighhighs
- ass
- large_breasts

This is the silk between the two blades, and it is thinning.

The Surface Shift Over Time

Frontpage Rating Share Shift Across the Observation Window



Frontpage rating mix shift across the observation window

The front page mix has already moved during the observation window.

First week average share

- None: **42.1%**
- X: **37.7%**
- Mature: **12.1%**
- Soft: **8.1%**

Last week average share

- None: **50.3%**
- X: **39.7%**
- Mature: **5.7%**
- Soft: **4.3%**

The clearest change is not the disappearance of explicit content. It is the weakening of the middle. *Soft* and *Mature* lose ground while the safe surface becomes more dominant and *X* remains stubbornly alive.

That is exactly the kind of change one would expect in a city preparing to hang different banners over different doors.

What the Split Names

Civitai announced on **April 9, 2026** that:

- `civitai.com` becomes the SFW front door on **April 15, 2026**
- `civitai.red` becomes the adult/freedom-first front door
- accounts, follows, and the underlying database remain shared
- visibility changes faster than identity

The tag data suggests three likely outcomes.

1. `civitai.com` should become more scenic and style-literate

Because the safe side already over-indexes toward *scenery*, *sky*, *outdoors*, *flower*, and *water*, the SFW front door should become friendlier to:

- world morphs
- scenic fantasy
- environmental concepts
- style LoRAs
- material transformations

- workflow and prompt-craft adjacent releases

This is the green corridor: stone, weather, silhouette, and atmosphere.

2. `civital.red` should become denser and more niche-specific

Because the rising evolving layer is thick with explicit segmentation and fetish coding, the adult side should not get weaker. It should get **more sharply sorted**.

Expect stronger competition around:

- explicit subgenres
- fetish-coded releases
- targeted audience lanes
- specialized checkpoints and adapters

This is not general exposure territory. It is chamber-by-chamber warfare.

3. The soft middle should keep weakening

The data already shows `Soft + Mature` shrinking as a share of the front page. In a two-door system, the incentive to be ambiguous weakens. The crowd will increasingly reward work that reads clearly as safe or clearly as adult.

What This Means for Xuthal Labs

The green corridor

The tag data supports leaning harder into:

- world morphs
- scenic fantasy
- atmosphere-rich safe concepts
- style layers with unmistakable visual identity
- technical and prompt-craft content that teaches users how to wield those tools

These are not secondary categories. They are the kinds of work the safe front door can favor most strongly once the split hardens.

The red corridor

The adult side remains viable, but the evolving field argues against laziness.

The market is rewarding:

- niche identity
- sharper packaging
- clearer subgenre targeting
- stronger lane ownership

That means fewer vague adult drops and more releases that know what chamber they belong to before they go live.

The brand fit

This aligns with our own site split.

We already separated `thalis.dev` and `duskinxuthal.com`. The Civitai tag field suggests that decision was not only operationally clean. It was market-aligned.

We did not merely split a website. We split the corridors the way the market was already forcing them to split.

Practical Recommendations

1. **Use WD14 tag analysis as the primary trend-monitoring layer.** It is the cleanest instrument for repeated visual demand.
2. **Build safe discoverability around scenery, atmosphere, and world-placed subjects.** The enduring `None-side` tags support this directly.
3. **Treat adult releases as category plays.** The evolving field rewards sharper lane ownership, not generic erotic output.
4. **Ignore most emerging tags for roadmap purposes.** They are too small and too unstable.
5. **Watch the middle ratings carefully.** `Soft` and `Mature` are losing surface share faster than `X`.

Bottom Line

The WD14 tag field shows a platform separating into two readable grammars.

One grammar is green-lit, scenic, style-driven, and safe-surface legible.

The other is dusk-red, explicit, niche-coded, and increasingly specialized.

Civital's domain split does not conjure that divide out of smoke. It formalizes a divide that was already visible in the tags.

That is useful for us.

It means our safest path is not to chase every apparition drifting through the halls. It is to build deliberately in two directions:

- safe, atmospheric, world-rich work for the mainstream front door
- sharper, more intentionally targeted adult work for the darker one

The tags are not subtle about where the crowd's eyes already rest. Rub the radium gem and the pattern becomes visible.

If you are planning releases around the split, stop guessing at shadows on the wall. Read the tags, choose your corridor, and build for the door your work actually wants.